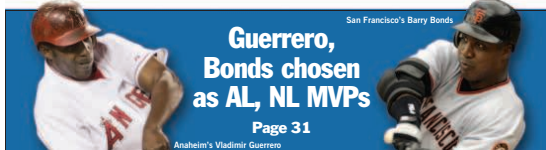


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Spc. Aaron Bugg's leg muscles were severed by a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Technology helped the soldier stand tall while saying his vows to his childhood sweetheart at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

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Army Spc. Aaron Bugg, 20, of the 25th Infantry Division out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, right, and Lisa McCroskey, 21, are married in a ceremony in the stone chapel at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. While 15 to 20 couples tie the knot at the stone chapel each year, Bugg's is the first wedding involving someone wounded in a war zone since 1993.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**Hinckley's outings:** Prosecutors and defense lawyers agree John Hinckley Jr.'s mental health has improved but they differed on whether he's well enough to safely take longer, unsupervised trips away from the psychiatric hospital he's called home since shooting President Reagan in 1981.

Hinckley lawyer Barry W. Levine said his client's mental illness has been in remission for more than a decade. He accused the government of holding Hinckley to an unreasonable standard.

But government lawyer Robert Chapman said Hinckley, 49, has been deceptive about his relationship with a former girlfriend and warned a federal judge not to be lulled into a false sense of security just because Hinckley has been well-behaved during prior outings.

**Vermont shooting appeal:** Lawyers for Robert Woodward's family are appealing a federal judge's ruling that they don't have a case against the town of Brattleboro, Vt., and the two police officers who fatally shot Woodward in 2001.

The civil case, filed on the behalf of Woodward's father, mother and sister in U.S. District Court in Brattleboro, alleges that Brattleboro Police officers Marshall Holbrook and Terrance Parker and the town are liable for the shooting death of Woodward on the morning of Dec. 2, 2001, in the All Soul's Unitarian Church in West Brattleboro.

On the morning of his death, Woodward, 37, then living in Bellows Falls, entered the church, brandished a knife with a 3.5-inch blade, and was addressing the congregation about conspiracies before police arrived. According to eyewitness accounts, Woodward had threatened suicide with the knife, but hadn't at any point menaced anyone before being shot seven times in his arms, stomach and back.

**Gotti racketeering trial:** Mafia don John Gotti's older brother ordered a Las Vegas "Sammy the Bull" Gravano as payback for testifying against the late mob boss, a prosecutor told a jury.

Gravano was arrested on drug charges before the alleged plot could be carried out. The defense argued Peter Gotti, a former sanitation worker who turned 65 on Monday, was a victim of guilt-by-association with his notorious brother, the Gambino crime family kingpin who died in prison in 2002.

"His name is his curse," said attorney Joseph Bondy. "Peter Gotti is not John Gotti."

**Serial killer's murder trial:** Carol Eugene Watts is a "stalking predator" who should be convicted in the slaying of a woman more than a quarter-century ago, a prosecutor said during closing arguments Tuesday in the only murder trial the confessed serial killer has faced.

Watts confessed in 1982 to 13 slayings but received immunity in 12 those killings as part of a deal with Texas prosecutors. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of burglary with intent to murder and was expected to serve his full 60-year sentence.

In an attempt to keep him behind bars, Michigan authorities have charged Watts with murder in the 1979 stabbing death of a Detroit in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale. If convicted, Watts, 51, faces a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole.

**Malnourished boys:** A Camden, N.J., man accused of starving his four adopted sons was in a coma Monday after suffering a massive stroke, according to officials of his church.

Raymond Jackson, 51, and his wife Vanessa, 49, are awaiting trial on aggravated assault and child endangerment charges.

The couple gave their first interview since their 2003 arrest in this week's edition



**Russian school attack survivors:** Russian children who survived the deadly September siege of their school in Beslan, Russia, listen to a priest speak on Christian history in the Orthodox chapel within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Tuesday. The church in Jerusalem's Old City is built over the tomb where Jesus is said to have been buried. Eighteen children who were former hostages, some of whose family members are among the 330 people who died in the Beslan school, are visiting Israel for three weeks, hosted by the southern Israeli town of Ashdod, which helped pay the cost of their visit. Many of the children who survived the attack are back in schools around the region. Some will vacation in Norway in the spring and summer as guests of that country.

of New York Magazine. In it, they said they were the victims of lies by their eldest adopted son and prosecutors.

Prosecutors said the couple systematically starved their four adopted sons for years until one of them was found last year rummaging through a neighbor's trash for food. At the time, Bruce Jackson was 19, stood 4 feet tall and weighed 45 pounds.

The Jacksons deny starving the boys and say that the children had eating disorders.

### World

**Basque arrests:** Police arrested 17 suspected members of the armed Basque separatist group ETA on Tuesday in a series of pre-dawn raids in northern Spain, officials said.

About 150 police officers took part in the raids in all three Basque provinces and in the neighboring Navarra region, the Interior Ministry said.

The arrests resulted in at least 32 the number of suspected ETA members detained since October 25, when a suspected logistics operative was arrested in Bilbao, the largest and wealthiest Basque city.

ETA has been blamed for more than 800 deaths in its more than 30-year campaign for an independent Basque homeland in territory straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

**Madrid bombing trial:** The first trial stemming from the Madrid terror bombing ended after just 25 minutes Tuesday as a Spanish teenager pleaded guilty to charges he helped transport dynamite used in the attack.

The 16-year-old accepted the prosecutor's request for a six-year term in a juvenile detention center.

The trial had been scheduled to last three days at the National Court. The March 11 attack killed 191 people and was blamed on Muslim militants linked to al-Qaida.

**Thatcher son's extradition:** Equatorial Guinea has decided to seek the extradition of Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, for trial in an alleged coup plot in the isolated, oil-rich central African nation, a legal official close to the government said Tuesday.

Thatcher, a 31-year-old businessman, is

now under arrest in South Africa in connection with the alleged plot. Equatorial Guinea accuses Thatcher and other financiers of conspiring for the mercenary overthrow of 25-year president Teodoro Obiang.

**Sept. 11 terror trial in Germany:** A man accused of supporting the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States was close friends with lead hijacker Mohamed Atta and once said something big was being planned and that "the Jews will burn," a witness testified Tuesday.

Holger L., who roomed with suspect Moumid El-Moussadeq while they were both students at Hamburg's Technical University between 1996 and 1999, said the Moroccan often had visits from Atta and Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, among others.

Bin al-Shibh, who is in secret U.S. custody, is thought to be the Hamburg al-Qaida cell's key contact with Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

### Business

**Australian defamation settlement:** In a low-key end to a groundbreaking case that extended the reach of Australia's libel laws to the world, Dow Jones & Co. has settled a defamation lawsuit launched against it by an Australian mining magnate.

The case started after mining boss Joe Gutnick claimed that an October 2000 *Baron's* magazine article had portrayed him as a schemer going to stock scams, money laundering and fraud. The article was also published online.

In a landmark ruling in December 2002, the High Court of Australia unanimously ruled that the case could be heard in Gutnick's home state of Victoria because people there could have read the article online.

**Battle for Bud name:** The latest round of the global legal battle between Czech brewery Budejovický Budvar and U.S. beer giant Anheuser-Busch Ltd. remained unresolved Tuesday after the European Union's high court passed the trademark case back to judges in Finland.

The Finnish case is part of a status dating back almost a century and involving dozens of lawsuits around the world for rights to the Budweiser, Bud and Budvar beer labels.

Photo and stories from wire services

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at least 1,194 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 928 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said as of Monday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Monday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths. Italy has reported 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; and Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,056 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 816 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier died Monday in military vehicle accident in Baghdad. The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Benjamin S. Bryan, 23, Lumberton, N.C.; killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
■ Marine Lance Cpl. Justin M. Ellsworth, 20, Mount Pleasant, Mich.; killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Victor R. Lu, 22, Los Angeles; killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Justin D. McLeese, 19, Covington, La.; killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Sgt. Byron W. Norwood, 25,flugerville, Texas; killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Army Capt. Sean P. Sims, 32, El Paso, Texas; died Saturday in Fallujah, Iraq, when his unit was attacked while clearing a building assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

■ Army Spc. Jose A. Velez, 23, Lubbock, Texas; killed Saturday in Fallujah, when his unit came under fire; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Marine Cpl. Nicholas L. Ziolkowski, 22, Towson, Md.; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp, Lejeune, N.C.

# Fighting intensifies in Mosul

## U.S., Iraqi forces move to retake parts of northern Iraqi city

By KATARINA KRATOVC

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi troops stormed insurgent-held police stations and neighborhoods Tuesday, launching an offensive to retake parts of Mosul, a northern Iraqi city where gunmen staged a mass uprising last week in support of fighters in Fallujah.

Troops secured several police stations by the mid-afternoon, meeting "very little resistance," the U.S. military said. Mosul residents claimed that insurgents blew up three stations they were holding before abandoning them ahead of the U.S. assault. The U.S. military denied that any police stations were destroyed.

However, Nineveh Provincial Deputy Gov. Khaisrou Gouran said that militants blew up the Zuhour police station Tuesday.

"They attacked it three days ago and it was vacated from police. Today, the armed men came back and blew it up. The aim is that the policemen and the National Guard don't go back to it," he said.

U.S. warplanes and helicopters hovered over Mosul — Iraq's third largest city, with about 1 million residents — as loud explosions and gunfire were heard. About 1,200 U.S. soldiers were in part in the offensive to retake about 10 dozen police stations abandoned by Iraqi forces in the uprising.

Mortars struck two areas near the main



Insurgents run near a burning oil facility in Eid al-Jahish, near Mosul, Iraq, on Monday. Gunmen attacked and set fire to the station, where oil is stored and then pumped to Ceyhan port, according to eyewitnesses.

government building in the city center, killing three civilians and injuring 25 others, hospital officials said. A car bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in a Sunni Arab neighborhood of western Mosul, wounding one U.S. soldier, the military said.

The uprising swept across Mosul — 225 miles north of Baghdad — amid a wave of violence across northern and central Iraq following the U.S.-led attack on Fallujah, the insurgents' strongest bastion, west of Baghdad. The week-old Fallujah offensive has killed at least 38 American troops and six Iraqi soldiers.

American officials estimate that 1,200 insurgents have been killed in the Fallujah fighting.

But many insurgents are thought to have slipped out of Fallujah ahead of the U.S. onslaught.

In a speech found Monday on the Internet, a speaker said to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the country's most feared terrorist leader, called on his followers to "show" the Americans "with rockets and mortars" because U.S. forces were spread too thin as they seek to "finish off Islam in Fallujah."

# Military investigates report of Marine shooting injured Iraqi man in Fallujah

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said Tuesday it is investigating the videotaped fatal shooting of a wounded man by a U.S. Marine in a mosque in Fallujah. Iraqis condemned the act as "cowardice" and "something forbidden in Islam."

Investigators will determine whether the Marine acted in self-defense against what a spokesman described as an "enemy combatant."

The dramatic footage was taken Saturday by pool correspondent Kevin Sites of NBC, whose report said the man who was killed didn't appear to be armed or threatening in any way, with no weapons visible in the mosque.

The slain man was among a group of men wounded in fighting a day earlier at the mosque and left there. Three others in the group were also shot again Saturday by Marines, Sites said.

The Marine involved in the fatal shooting was withdrawn from the battlefield pending the results of the investigation, the U.S. military said.



In this image taken from pool video provided to the Associated Press by NBC News, a U.S. Marine is seen, left, raising his rifle in the direction of Iraqi men lying on the floor of a mosque in Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday.

"We follow the law of armed conflict and hold ourselves to a high standard of accountability," said Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. "The facts of this case will be thoroughly pursued to make an informed decision and to protect the rights of all persons involved."

The Marine statement said the investigators would look at

"an allegation of the unlawful use of force in the death of an enemy combatant."

"The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether the Marine acted in self-defense, violated military law or failed to comply with the Law of Armed Conflict," it said.

Florian Westphal, a spokesman for the International Committee for the Red Cross, said he couldn't say for sure whether

the men in the mosque were prisoners or not.

"The fact that was reported was that he was wounded. But whether he was already a prisoner or not was not clear to me," Westphal said.

"We cannot, on the basis of TV images — no matter how disturbing and disconcerting they are — arrive at judgment about an incident. We were not on the spot so we cannot be aware of all the circumstances of this incident," he said.

"It's clearly recognized that people in combat situations are under enormous strain," Westphal said. But, he added, the Geneva Conventions are clear: Protection of wounded combatants once they are out of action is a basic rule.

Iraqi Interior Minister Faisal Hassan al-Nagib said that while "killing a wounded person is rejected by us," the militants in Fallujah were responsible for their own brutal acts against Iraqis and foreigners, and were "killers and criminals."

Footage of the shooting was aired on Al-Jazeera television.

Iraqis interviewed Tuesday in Baghdad harshly condemned the killing.

# Family believes CARE director was killed

## Al-Jazeera says it has video of slaying

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Al-Jazeera television said Tuesday that it received a videotape showing the slaying of a woman believed to be hostage aid worker Margaret Hassan. Hassan's family in London said they believed the longtime director of CARE in Iraq was dead.

The station initially said it would air parts of the video, but then a spokesman said it would not. "We don't show acts of killing," said Jihad Ballout. "We've never done it before, outside war."

CARE said in a statement, "It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the existence of a video in which it appears that our colleague Margaret Hassan has been killed. ... The whole of CARE is in mourning."

The 59-year-old Briton was abducted in Baghdad on Oct. 19, the most prominent of more than 170

foreigners kidnapped in Iraq this year. Her captors later issued videos showing her pleading for Britain to withdraw its troops from Iraq and calling for the release of female Iraqi prisoners.

Ballout said the station received the tape a few days ago but had not been sure of its authenticity.

"We invited British diplomatic officials to come and view it," he said. "It's now likely that the image depicts Mrs. Hassan."

Her four brothers and sisters said they believe Hassan is dead.

"Our hearts are broken," they said in a statement. "We have kept hoping for as long as we could, but we now have to accept that Margaret has probably gone and at last her suffering has ended."

The family did not indicate why they now believed Hassan was dead, but said: "Those who are guilty of this atrocious act, and



The family of Margaret Hassan, the kidnapped British aid worker who heads CARE International's operations in Iraq, above, said Tuesday they believed she was dead.

those who support them, have no excuses."

On Sunday, U.S. Marines found the mutilated body of what they

believe was a Western woman on a street in a Fallujah during the U.S. assault on the insurgent stronghold. Besides Hassan, the

only Western woman known held was Teresa Borcz Khalifa, 54, a Polish-born longtime resident of Iraq who was seized last month.

Al-Jazeera reported on Nov. 2 that Hassan's captors had threatened to turn her over to followers of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Al-Zarqawi and his men have been blamed for numerous deadly car bombings and the slayings of foreign hostages, including three Americans and a Briton. More than 170 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq this year; more than 30 of them have been slain.

Born in Ireland, Hassan also held British and Iraqi citizenship. She lived in Iraq for 30 years and married an Iraqi.

In its statement, her family said: "Nobody can justify this. Margaret was against sanctions and the war. To commit such a crime against anyone is unforgivable. But we cannot believe how anybody could do this to our kind, compassionate sister."

"The gap she leaves will never be filled."

## By the light of the fire



An Iraqi man and boy walk near the scene of a gas pipeline fire in the northern Riyadh region, some 38 miles southwest of Kirkuk, Iraq, on Tuesday. Saboteurs triggered an explosion, setting off a fire which was still burning hours later.

## Punishment recommended for unit that refused orders

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army is recommending punishment for about two dozen soldiers from an Army Reserve unit in Iraq that refused orders to drive a fuel convoy because they believed it was too dangerous, officials said Tuesday.

No final decisions have been made, and none of the soldiers has been charged with a crime, the officials said, but preliminary findings of an Army investigation faulted about 24 members of the 343rd Quartermaster Company, which is based at Rock Hill, S.C.

About 18 of the 24 were held for nearly two days after refusing orders to drive a fuel convoy from Talil Air Base in southern Iraq to a base north of Baghdad. Another six also have been faulted.

Most of the accused face administrative actions such as fines or reduction in rank, although officials said it was possible that some could face courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Their refusal to obey orders was deemed to be detrimental to good order and discipline.

Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, commanding general of 13th Corps Support Command, which manages the provision of fuel, food and ammunition across Iraq, ordered two investigations. One examined the soldiers' refusal of their orders and the other focused on allegations that the unit's trucks were unfit for hazardous duty.

U.S. officers say the refusal to carry out the mission on Oct. 13 was an isolated incident and not an indication of a broader breakdown in discipline. Still, it's no secret that convoy duty is one of the most perilous jobs in Iraq.

## Former soldiers resisting return to duty

Stars and Stripes

The Army has encountered resistance from more than 2,000 former soldiers it has ordered back to military work, complicating its efforts to fill gaps in the force, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

Many of these former soldiers — some of whom say they have not trained, held a gun or even gone for a jog in years — object to being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan now, after they thought they were through with active duty.

They are seeking exemptions, filing court cases or simply failing to report, moves that will be watched closely by approximately 110,000 other members of the Individual Ready Reserve, a corps of soldiers who are no longer on active duty but still are eligible for call-up, the Times said.

The Army has sent notices to more than 4,000 former soldiers informing them that they must return to active duty, but more than 1,800 of them have already requested exemptions or delays, many of which are being considered.

And, of about 2,500 who were due to arrive on military bases for refresher training by Nov. 7, 733 had not shown up, the article stated.

Some former soldiers acknowledge that the Army has every right to call them back, but argue that their personal circumstances — illness, single parenthood, financial woes — make going overseas impossible now.

Others say they do not believe they are eligible because, they contend, they already finished the obligations they signed up for when they joined the military.



# When reality's rough, GIs turn to fantasy

## Online football leagues provide wartime diversion



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

**Spc. Mark Hull of the 961st Quartermaster Company watches NFL games Sunday at Logistics Support Area Anacosta, Iraq. But his interest really is on his fantasy football team. Like many soldiers here, he passes his time with the popular game.**

**BY RON JENSEN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

LOGISTICS SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq — Life doesn't stop just because you are in a war zone.

Mortgages must be paid. Children still grow, have birthdays and skin their knees. And, of course, a fellow can't neglect his fantasy football team.

Nearly 30 million Americans play fantasy football, according to surveys, and more than a few of them are in Iraq, battling insurgents while trying to decide whether to start David Givens or Isaac Bruce at wide receiver this week.

"It's one of the major things that I do because it's one of the best ways I can think of to kill a lot of time over here," said Sgt. Pete Robinson, 22, of the 29th Signal Battalion out of Fort Lewis, Wash., now at LSA Anacosta. "And it does kill a lot of time."

For the uninitiated, an explanation may be in order. Fantasy footballers draft players from the NFL and use the players' real statistics to compete in head-to-head competition with other fantasy footballers. If Priest Holmes rushes for three touchdowns, for example, the fantasy football player who "owns" him is a happy guy.

The game has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, thanks to the Internet, and while many Internet leagues require a payment for the service, there are several free options online.

Spc. Mark Hull, 25, of the 961st Quartermaster Company at LSA Anacosta is in two leagues — one with family members back in Texas and one with strangers through the Yahoo! Web site. He's been playing in fantasy leagues for about six years.

He spent Sunday evening at the recreation tent on base watching games and following his players, especially Peyton Manning, one of the most prolific fantasy league scorers in the NFL.

"He's pretty much keeping my team afloat," said Hull.

The league he plays with his family, he said, is particularly important. On Sunday, he was going head to head against his father.

"It's more of a connection," he said. "It's more than just letters and phone calls."

The key to the sport is Internet access so team owners can make lineup changes when an NFL player gets injured, is not playing well or is not playing because his team has a bye for the week.

That's a bit easier at a base such as Anacosta than at smaller, more remote places. Spc. Ronald Helmick, 33, is with the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Reconnaissance Team at FOB Brassfield Mora, where Internet access is hard to come by.

He's in a fantasy league with people from across the military, but he accepts the fact that he can't manage his team like he should. Internet access is infrequent and too valuable to spend on trivia.

"You're too busy writing your family and

stuff to worry about a football league," he said.

Nonetheless, he was watching the NFL on Sunday at LSA Anacosta while waiting for a ride back to his unit. He kept watch, he said, for highlights that might include a member of his fantasy team.

"When they show highlights of your guy doing good, you get happy," he said. Spc. Brooks Taylor, 23, broadcast chief with the 28th Public Affairs Detachment out of Fort Lewis, Wash., at LSA Anacosta, also is in a free Yahoo! league. He said sometimes it's hard to keep up.

"There definitely has been two weeks that I know of I wasn't able to change players," he said. "I've been gone or too busy to check it."

Despite that, he said, the league does provide a diversion from the daily routine of work and mortar attacks. Taylor said.

Plus, he said, it keeps him in touch with the NFL, something hard to track when the early games start at 9 p.m.

Robinson is in two leagues. One is a public league through Yahoo! and the other is with comrades in the 1st Infantry Division.

And he doesn't stop there. In Iraq since January, he was the winner of his fantasy baseball league last summer and he has just started competing in a fantasy league based on NBA statistics and players.

"The seasons overlap so all year long, I've got something," he said.

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# Wounded soldier walks down aisle

## Buoyed by love and technology, GI stands to recite wedding vows

**BY BILL BROADWAY**

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Six weeks ago, Spc. Aaron Bugg was dragged from a Humvee that had been hit by a roadside bomb in Iraq, his leg muscles severed and unable to carry his weight. Last Saturday, Bugg walked down the aisle with the woman he has loved since junior high.

More than 50 friends and family members attended the wedding, in the stone chapel on the grounds of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Bugg, 20, of the 25th Infantry Division out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, wore a tuxedo that had a specially made left pant leg to cover a "fixator," a device that stabilizes the leg while bone and muscle regenerate. His bride, Lisa McCroskey, 21, wore a beaded satin gown.

Bugg sat through much of the 40-minute ceremony, but he stood to take his wedding vows and for the lighting of the unity candle. After the chaplain, Capt. Robin W. Pizanti, presented the couple, Bugg held his wife's arm as they walked out of the church and down two small flights of steps.

"He wasn't supposed to walk that far," said the surprised best man, Mattias Reveles, as he rushed a wheelchair to assist his nephew.

The wedding was one of 15 to 20 each day at Walter Reed, which has treated 3,612 patients from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

But it's the first wedding involving someone wounded in a war zone since 1993, when a soldier hurt in Somalia was married there, according to Walter Reed spokesman Bill Swisher. And this ceremony almost didn't happen.

A week ago, Walter Reed's office of the judge advocate general learned that several area businesses had offered to donate their services, which involved the groom's custom tuxedo, hairstyling for the bride and three bridesmaids, wedding programs and a honeymoon night and reception at the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown. The donations violate the military's code of ethics and couldn't be accepted, Bugg and McCroskey were told.

But Ed Solomon, owner of Anthony's Tuxedos, and Fisher House, a foundation that assists wounded veterans and their families at 15 medical centers in the United States and Germany, worked out a solution.

The businesses could donate the services to Fisher House, which would give them to the couple, said Jim Weisskopf, Fisher's vice president for communications in Bethesda, Md. Like the Fisher program that provides airline tickets for



PHOTOS BY PRESTON KERES/The Washington Post

**Army Spc. Aaron Bugg, 20, and Lisa McCroskey, 21, were married Saturday in the stone chapel at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Bugg suffered severe leg injuries in Iraq when a bomb exploded near the Humvee he was riding in. Here, the bride helps him down the groom, wearing a custom tuxedo that accommodates a stabilizer on his left leg, on the lawn of the chapel while Danny Reveles attends the chair.**

wounded veterans and their families, the procedure would not benefit one person but be open to all qualified personnel, he said.

The couple, who found each other in eighth grade in Marietta, Mo., got engaged last Christmas. But they didn't set a date until Bugg came home for a monthlong leave in late August, McCroskey said. They decided on January, when Bugg's infantry unit was scheduled to return from its security mission near Kirkuk.

Nine days after Bugg returned to Iraq, a bomb exploded near the unarmored Humvee in which he and three other soldiers were

riding. He asked the medic in a helicopter, "Sir, don't let them take my arms or legs."

He was given anesthesia and has no memory of the four days between the explosion and waking up at Walter Reed. McCroskey withdrew from classes at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield to be with him.

A week later, they decided to marry sooner. An engaged partner does not have the same visitation and legal rights as a spouse, and they wanted to be as close together as possible, they said.

When McCroskey saw the chapel, she was impressed. "I said,

'Omigod, this place is beautiful. I would love to get married here.'"

McCroskey said she has seen some people "ball out" of relationships after a military member returns from the battlefield with severe physical or emotional wounds. That's something she said she could not, and would not, do.

"Aaron's my best friend and the love of my life," she said. "I could be home in school, but I would be thinking about him and wishing I was here."

Bugg said her presence has helped motivate him and has given meaning to his recovery, which his doctors told him could take at least six months.

# Troops find treasures among junk in Iraq

Their yards might consist of sand and gravel, but that doesn't mean soldiers at a forward operating base near Mosul, Iraq, can't benefit from finding a way to turn one man's junk into another man's treasure.

FOB Marer's Community Activity Center now features its very own yard sale, a table loaded with goodies people are trying to sell. The recent stock included a soccer ball, computer case, used PlayStation 2, a box of nails and a lamp.

"It's small," observed Pfc. Jeremy Scott, with the 1st Battalion 24th Infantry Regiment, while on his way to the center's Internet cafe.

Scott wasn't too impressed with the prices. He could buy a PlayStation and have it shipped over for less, he said.

But at a small base, with no Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores, it's better than nothing.

"They need to have more," Scott added.

## Mortars and meatballs

If spaghetti and meatballs are on the dinner menu at FOB MacKenzie, don't forget to wear a Kevlar.

It's a part of local legend at this outpost east of Samarra that spaghetti and meatballs means mortars will fly. Twice in the early days of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's deployment to this base, enemy rockets landed inside the camp boundary on spaghetti day. Most recently, the most mortarman struck again Nov. 5, the last time the cooks dished up spaghetti.

Interesting too, that the rockets usually hit between 4 and 5 p.m., just as the kitchen folk are preparing to serve the evening meal.

The link is more folklore than fact. Rockets have accompanied other menu selections as well (such as Swiss steak on Nov. 10). The 1-4 Cavalry's intelligence analysts, who slice and dice data on every enemy attack, have yet to discern a statistically significant pattern.

Then again, maybe these insurgents just don't care for Italian.

## Rusted cans and IEDs

Every day, 100 Iraqi "Adopt-a-Highway" workers scour the streets of Baquba, Iraq, northeast of Baghdad, picking up trash in return for cash.

"Adopt-a-Highway" is a popular road beautification program in the United States, and leaders of the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team have imported a version of it.

This being Iraq, though, workers can't counter some things that might send an American

"Adopt-a-Highway" volunteer screaming for cover — like home-made bombs.

According to a recent 1st ID news release, the Baquba workers so far have discovered 47 roadside bombs — presumably intended for U.S. forces — and reported them to Iraqi police.

## MIDEAST NOTEBOOK

Steve Liewer and Juliana Gittler

## Capturing the cup

While life in Iraq may not be all fun and games, some soldiers got to play a few games last week as they took time off from their often hazardous duty.

Soldiers at FOB Speicher tested their dribbling, passing and pulling abilities Friday during the Veterans Day Commander's Cup competition.

The Delta Dawgs from 701st Main Support Battalion collected the cup, finishing first out of 12 teams. The daylong competition featured events such as basketball, football, volleyball and a 5-ton truck pull.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation organized the event.

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STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Stripes

First Sgt. Brent Jurgensen plants a little American flag beneath a memorial to seven 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment soldiers and one civilian killed this year from Forward Operating Base MacKenzie, Iraq, the squadron's headquarters base. The memorial was erected Tuesday in front of the base's new chow hall, which opened in time for a noon visit by 1st Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. John Batiste. The new wooden chow hall replaces two tents, which burned to the ground about six weeks ago.

# Chirac: Britain got little for supporting U.S. in Iraq

BY ROBERT BARR

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain got little in return for supporting the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, and U.S. policies make it all but impossible for anyone to act as a bridge between Washington and Europe, French President Jacques Chirac said in an interview published Tuesday.

"I am not sure, with America as it is these days, that it would be easy for someone, even the British, to be an honest broker. Perhaps that will change, but that is the current state of things," Chirac was quoted as saying in an interview with British reporters in Paris.

But British Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking Monday night in London, argued that Europe had an opportunity to engage with President Bush's administration.

"Neither Europe nor the U.S. should be arrogant about the corner. Here there's an opportunity for Europe. American policy is evolving," Blair said in a speech in London.

"Increasingly both Europe and America are coming to realize that lasting security against fanatics and terrorists cannot be provided by conventional military force but requires a commitment to democracy, freedom and justice," Blair said.

Chirac is due in London on Thursday for a two-day visit to mark the 100th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale between the two nations. The French president will be meeting Blair and enjoying the hospitality of Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle.

Recalling a meeting last year before the Iraq war, Chirac said he told Blair: "We have different positions on Iraq. Your position should at least have some use. That is to try to obtain in exchange a relaunch of the peace process in the Middle East."

"Well, Britain gave its support, but I did not see much in return. I am not sure that it is in the nature of our American friends at the moment to return favors systematically," The Times newspaper quoted Chirac as saying.

Blair believes it is crucial for the European Union and the United States to work more closely together and sees the U.S. as the world's only superpower. Chirac however believes the EU can act as a counterweight to U.S. influence in the world.

Reacting to Chirac's comments, Blair's official spokesman acknowledged that discussions Thursday might be tough.

"Quelle surprise," he said, using the French for "what a surprise."

"This is a view which the president has expounded on many occasions and there is no surprise about it. Also, there is no hiding that there is a disagreement. We do not believe in a world vision where you have competing spheres of influence. The president does. That is an open disagreement between us."

But he said that Britain and France continued to work

closely on issues such as Iran's nuclear ambitions, alleviating poverty in Africa and the Middle East.

"There is no reason why we cannot continue to work together on issues like that and also on European issues, even if it means that conversations on Thursday may be tough on other matters. That's life."

Visiting Washington last week, Blair put the Middle East peace process at the top of his agenda and Bush pledged to spend America's "political capital" brokering peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Bush also announced last week that he planned to visit Europe after he is sworn in for a second term in January. "In my second term, I will work to deepen our trans-Atlantic ties with the nations of Europe," the president said.

Speaking to British journalists in Paris, Chirac said disagreements over Iraq had not spoiled relations between France and Britain. His most angry exchanges with Blair, he added, were about agriculture, not Iraq.

Blair has cast himself and his nation as serving as a bridge between Europe and the United States, but Chirac suggested it was impossible.

The French president said that strains between Britain and France were often exaggerated.

"It's very curious, this vision of permanent confrontation. I have no confrontation with the English in general, or with Blair in particular," The Guardian newspaper quoted Chirac as saying.

The relationship, he reportedly said, is "built on competition, which implies mutual esteem. ... It's a kind of violent love affair."



Chirac

# Interim Army secretary to step aside

## Longest-serving stand-in Les Brownlee makes room for new nominee

By BRET BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The commemorative coins that Les Brownlee hands to soldiers he visits in the field bear the words "Secretary of the Army (Acting)." You could say he's a parenthetical secretary, the longest-serving stand-in as civilian leader of the Army in its history.

For the past 553 days, since the May 9, 2003, firing of Thomas White as Army secretary, Brownlee has performed the duties of that office, while also serving in the No. 2 job as Army undersecretary.

For several months in 2003, Brownlee wore even a third hat. He filled in as assistant secretary of the Army for civil affairs after Mike Parker was fired in a budget dispute with the White House.

He says he's enjoyed it all, except the reward he got for his loyalty: getting pushed aside in favor of a defense industry executive,

Francis Harvey, the White House's choice to be the next Army secretary. The Senate is scheduled to debate the Harvey nomination Tuesday, and he is widely expected to win approval despite misgivings by some who think Brownlee got a raw deal.

Brownlee, 65, gave no hint in a recent Associated Press interview that he is bitter about being bypassed, although clearly he and some others are disappointed that he won't get the top job.

"A lot of the things he's been asked to do have not been easy, and he was willing to do it in spite of not being given the title," said Gordon Sullivan, a retired four-star general who was the Army chief of staff in the early 1990s. "He did a lot of things very quietly and very effectively."

White brought in Brownlee, then staff director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as Army undersecretary in November 2001.

The former secretary recently noted the ex-

traordinary period that followed his firing, which was triggered by disagreements with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld over the shape and pace of the Army's force modernization.

"The only saving grace to this circumstance has been the distinguished double-duty service of my friend Les Brownlee," White said last month at a private unveiling of White's official portrait. That event will not happen for Brownlee, even though he served almost as long as White.

"If there were any justice in this convoluted process of nomination and confirmation — and there clearly is not — your picture would hang next to mine as the 19th secretary of the Army," White told Brownlee.

Brownlee did not say he would quit his undersecretary job when Harvey is confirmed by the Senate, but he strongly suggested he sees little reason to stay.

"If you've been the head coach, the head coach can't hang around," he said.



Acting Army Secretary Les Brownlee testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee in November 2003. Brownlee will step aside soon after the expected confirmation of defense industry executive Francis Harvey.

# DODDS-Europe sets students up with e-mail accounts

By SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe has invested in an e-mail system that levels the playing field between pupils who have e-mail accounts and those who don't.

Having students communicate with mom and dad, especially those deployed, was a huge motivation behind the program.

"Unlike most civilian state schools, DODDS-E is attuned to the role of schools in deployments," DODDS spokesman Frank O'Gara said. "Teachers receive training to assist kids in dealing with the stress of deployments and to look for signs of distress."

And this is another peg in helping them cope, he said.

For example, a "tremendous" number of parents of Ansbach High School students are deployed to Iraq, and the e-mail system will give them a chance to stay linked

to their parents, Principal Jennifer Rowland said.

Until Friday's parent-teacher conference, Ansbach had only 25 of its 317 students submit the required parent- or guardian-signed permission slip, she said.

"I don't know if it was forgetfulness, or what," she said. But post-conference, interest shot up to well over 200, she said.

"At this point, it's brand new and hard to say how it's going, but we anticipate it will be a good resource for student and teachers and parents," Rowland said. "Teachers will have all student e-mail accounts and can e-mail reminders and other correspondence to the whole class."

Systemwide, 5,990 of Europe's roughly 45,000 pupils have registered for their own e-mail accounts, said Pat Ridge, the educational technologist for DODDS-Europe Education Division.

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their parents, whether the parents are around the corner at work or home, or deployed miles away in a combat zone.

The second reason is to let children take

advantage of online educational curricula, such as distance-learning programs, advanced-placement classes offered at other DODDS schools, mentor programs, or a chance to work on class projects with pupils around the world, Ridge said.

Some high school students also have been submitting college entrance packages through the e-mail system.

The e-mail accounts are monitored closely by teachers, and filtering software blocks unsolicited e-mail, commonly called spam; pornographic e-mails; and mail that might contain offensive words, he said.

The program can be customized to block out e-mails that might contain new phrases pupils might contrive to circumvent the blockers.

The system-blocked e-mails will be redirected to the teachers, who can counsel children on proper use of the system, if necessary.

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# Scouting activities will go on despite Pentagon sponsorship reminder

By BEN MURRAY  
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Despite a recent reminder from the Pentagon that military bases cannot officially sponsor Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops, base officials in Europe say that scouting programs will continue.

"We plan to continue our current support to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, which includes such things as: facilities to conduct regular meetings and recreational activities, and to store supplies, local military telephone service, health care during scouting activities in accordance with applicable service regulations, and space-available use of youth services equipment," said Millie Waters, spokeswoman for the Installation Management Agency-Europe.

The Pentagon reminder, announced Monday, comes as part of a settlement in a lawsuit against the Department of Defense and other organizations brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.

Waters said Tuesday that IMA had received the memo from the Pentagon and would be forwarding it to installation and military unit commanders. Waters would not provide a copy of the memo to Stars and Stripes.

The ACLU suit claimed that the government was improperly sponsoring a private group that maintains some religious association.

The Pentagon, however, said it has long had regulations against the sponsorship of nonfederal organizations and believes military units are in compliance with those guidelines, according to The Associated Press. Military regulations do not forbid servicemen from leading scout troops in their free time.

According to Dan Adams, executive director for the Transatlantic Council of the Boy Scouts of America, about 85 percent to 90 percent of Europe-based scout troops are currently chartered by military organizations.

If military organizations are no longer allowed to sponsor troops, Adams said, the scouts in Europe would face a significant obstacle, but still would be able to provide scouting programs. The scouts, he said, might be able to adapt by shifting their charter organizations from military units to groups of parents or other private organizations.

Currently, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in the Transatlantic Council chapters include about 10,000 members across 26 countries, "from Turkey to Ireland," Adams said.

Lisa Boutin, Cub Scout committee chairwoman for Pack 65 in Darmstadt, Germany, said regardless of who the official benefactor of the scouts becomes, the kids programs will continue.

"Scouting will go on," Boutin said. E-mail Ben Murray at: murrayb@mail.stripes.osd.mil.

## Marine's wife sentenced in murder conspiracy

PHOENIX — The wife of a Marine who pleaded guilty to conspiring to have her husband killed while he was stationed in Kuwait has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison.

Wendy Glass was sentenced Monday to 87 months in prison and five years probation.

"Glass, 35, pleaded guilty in the case in June. She acknowledged an affair with another Marine, Larry Frammes, from November 2001 to May 2003, and admitted she and Frammes conspired to kill her husband, James Houston Glass.

James Glass and Frammes were deployed from Marine Corps Air Station-Yuma and sent to Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait in early 2003. While there, Frammes tried to kill Glass with a grenade after luring him to a guard shack, prosecutors said.

James Glass was injured but survived.

## Ex-wife sentenced for plotting to kill Marine

SAN DIEGO — The ex-wife of a Marine was sentenced Monday to nearly 11 years in prison for a bungled plot with her lover to kill him and collect life insurance money.

Astrid K. Tepatti, 22, pleaded guilty in August to attempted murder, admitting she sneaked into her husband's home on the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in January and fired a revolver at him.

The bullet lodged in the sofa where Sgt. Stephen Tepatti was sleeping. He was unharmed.

Tepatti's lesbian lover, Ebony Wood, admitted making a makeshift silencer from a potato and driving Astrid Tepatti to the base.

Wood, 21, also pleaded guilty to attempted murder, saying she had been promised proceeds from the husband's life insurance policy. She is scheduled to be sentenced in December.

It was not the only effort by the women to kill the Marine, authorities said.

From The Associated Press

## IN THE STATES



President Bush, right, looks on as National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, left, speaks to the press in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Tuesday, after Bush announced that Rice was his choice as secretary of state.

# Bush choses Rice for secretary of state

By DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush promoted his most trusted foreign policy adviser to secretary of state on Tuesday, tapping Condoleezza Rice to replace war-torn-turned-diplomat Colin Powell as part of a sweeping second-term Cabinet overhaul.

"The secretary of state is America's face to the world and in Dr. Rice the world will see the strength, grace and decency of our country," Bush said of his national security adviser.

He thanked Powell, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and national security adviser, for working "tirelessly and selflessly" on behalf of the country.

Rice is the second White House loyalist to land a Cabinet post since Bush's re-election triggered a top-tier shake-up that has presented several agency heads with the clear impression that their services were no longer needed. White House counsel Alberto Gonzales is Bush's nominee to replace Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Bush named Stephen Hadley, Rice's deputy, to replace her as national security adviser; the top White House-based foreign policy aide.

Rice, who is considered more of a foreign policy hard-liner than Powell, has been Bush's national security adviser for four years.

But while she's known around the globe, her image on the world stage does not rival Powell's. The retired four-star general has higher popularity ratings than the

president.

"Under your leadership, America is fighting and winning the war on terror," Rice said to her boss during the Roosevelt Room announcement.

If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first black woman secretary of state.

Rice, raised in the segregated South, is an accomplished pianist and Russian scholar who Bush said was "taught that human dignity is a gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

Bush asked the Senate for quick confirmation. "The nation needs her," he said.

Besides Powell and Ashcroft, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham resigned as Bush sought a fresh start for a second term.





Administration officials say Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson may be next.

Officials close to Ridge say he may be willing to stay for a few months and advisers to Thompson hint that he may be open to another Cabinet post.

Rice, 50, worked at the National Security Council in former President George H.W. Bush's White House and went on to be provost of Stanford University in California. She was widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomat's job, despite reports that she intended to return to California or was hoping to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

## Bush's second-term Cabinet shake-up




The shuffling of President Bush's top advisers continued on Monday with Colin Powell's resignation from the Cabinet, along with confirmation that three other members would be leaving.

SECRETARY OF ENERGY	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	SECRETARY OF STATE	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
			
Spencer Abraham	Rod Paige	Colin Powell	Ann Veneman
AGE 52	71	67	55

### POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR

Sen. John Breaux, D-La.	Margaret Spellings, Bush's domestic policy adviser	National security adviser Condoleezza Rice	Chuck Conner, White House farm adviser
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### Last week's shuffling

		
On Tuesday, President Bush then nominated Alberto Gonzales to replace him.	The White House announced the resignation of Attorney General John Ashcroft (left).	Secretary of Commerce Don Evans also resigned last week. A successor has not yet been chosen.

### Past second-term Cabinet alterations

Of more recent two-term presidents, Richard Nixon's second-term Cabinet had the most new faces at times compared with President Bush's count of six, so far.

### New Cabinet members for second-term presidents

Harry S. Truman	4
Dwight D. Eisenhower	3
Lyndon Baines Johnson	4
Richard M. Nixon	9
Ronald W. Reagan	7
William J. Clinton	7

SOURCE: Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the Presidency

## CIA loses two more officials

By KATHERINE  
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two more top officials are leaving the CIA, signaling internal instability at the spy agency as CIA Director Porter Goss gets settled in.

The CIA's Deputy Director for Operations Stephen Kappes and his immediate deputy, Michael Sulick, told colleagues Monday morning that they were departing the agency, which was heavily criticized for prewar intelligence lapses in Iraq and the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It's unclear whether Kappes and Sulick resigned voluntarily or were asked to step down.

Both men were part of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, or clandestine service, which is responsible for covert operations around the globe.

Last week, the agency's No. 2 official, John McLaughlin, also retired, citing personal reasons.

In a statement, Goss thanked Kappes and Sulick for their work.

"The legacy that both officers leave behind them is one of dedication to the covert mission of this agency," Goss said.

A front-runner for Kappes' job is the current director of the CIA's counterterrorist center, who cannot be publicly identified because he is undercover, said an intelligence official who also speaks on condition of anonymity.

Current agency officials are not allowed to talk with the media without permission, but have been in touch with former intelligence officials.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, former officials described intense friction within the agency with Goss now in charge. And some say there are concerns that more officers at the CIA's counterterrorist center and elsewhere may be asked to resign or told that they no longer have a future at the agency.

"It is very fair to say there is tremendous turmoil in the middle ranks of the clandestine service today," said Vince Canistraro, former CIA counterterrorist chief. "There may be eight people pushed out."

Canistraro said there is concern within the agency that Vice President Dick Cheney is ordering changes to avenge leaks to the media indicating there was no connection between former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida terrorists. A spokesman for Cheney did not return a call seeking comment.

Goss brought with him to the CIA four staff members from the House Intelligence Committee, which he led for nearly eight years ending in August. Since then, Kappes and Sulick have been involved in heated debates — some have described them as feuds — with those senior aides to Goss.



# Nev. lawmaker to lead Senate Democrats

By DAVID ESPO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are changing management, their ranks reduced to a 74-year low and their longtime leader defeated for re-election back home.

Sen. Harry Reid, a soft-spoken Nevadan, is moving in as leader of the shrunken minority, while Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota moves out after a decade as the party's chief spokesman and strategist on the Senate floor.

Reid's ascension was preordained at Tuesday's meeting of Senate Democrats, their ranks smaller by four following the Nov. 2 elections. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, in line to succeed Reid as the party's second-ranking Senate leader, was also unopposed.

Reid, 64, takes command of a party that will have only 44 seats when the new Congress convenes in January, fewer than at any time since Herbert Hoover sat in

the White House, according to records on the Senate's Web site.

With the exception of abortion rights and gun control, both of which he opposes, Reid's recent voting record on major issues puts him in the mainstream of Senate Democrats.

"My senators who support me know who I am. No one has to guess where I stand on issues," he said in a recent interview. "I'm going to do what I think is right."

Reid, a veteran of 22 years in Congress, voted against President Bush's tax cuts in 2001 and opposed the final version of the administration's landmark Medicare overhaul legislation in 2003.

Like a majority of Democrats, he voted to give Bush authority to use military force to oust Iraq's Saddam Hussein, and voted many months later to spend \$87 billion to help pay the costs of military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Earlier this year, he helped broker a proposed constitutional

## New leader for Senate Dems

Sen. Harry Reid, 64, a Democrat from small-town Searchlight, Nev., was chosen by colleagues Tuesday to replace Sen. Tom Daschle as Senate minority leader.

**Education** — B.A., Utah State University, 1961; J.D., George Washington University, 1964

**Experience** — Lt. Governor, Nevada, 1970; Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, 1977-82; U.S. Representative, 1982-86; U.S. Senator, 1986-present; Senate Minority Whip, 1998-present



AP

amendment to ban gay marriages, and aided with organized labor when it sought to make sure no worker lost overtime rights under new administration regulations.

He's also worked with environmentalists to block oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

He's been a loyal supporter of Democratic filibusters against 10 of Bush's judicial nominees deemed extremists by a coalition of civil rights, women's and other groups.

An early test of Reid's strategy is likely to come on judicial appointments, and already, there is some pressure on him to stay the course set by Daschle.

## Congress urged to investigate scandals in insurance industry

By DEVLIN BARRETT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress should dig deeper into the burgeoning scandal within the insurance industry, a top investigator said Tuesday, claiming lawmakers will find a "Pandora's box" of unethical conduct.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who recently launched an investigation of major insurance brokerages and accused one of the biggest of bid rigging and price fixing, told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that more revelations about bad practices are coming.

The scandal has led already to high-level resignations, employee layoffs and guilty pleas by some executives.

"There have been criminal pleas entered, there will be more criminal pleas entered very shortly," Spitzer said.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard

Blumenthal told the committee that taxpayers may have paid excessive charges for property casualty, health and workers' compensation insurance and that municipalities in his state felt powerless to challenge.

Blumenthal is insisting that state insurance laws, including Connecticut's, should be "reinvigorated and reinvented" to combat fraud, illegal steering and bid-rigging. He said any changes in federal regulations should not weaken the historic role of states in regulating the industry.

Insurance companies are supporting legislation that they say would create uniform, nationwide standards for the industry. State officials have expressed fears that whatever Congress writes will preempt and may be weaker than state regulation. Spitzer, who has also conducted high-profile probes of Wall Street investment firms and mutual fund companies, said Congress needs to take a harder look at the insurance industry.



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Members of the uniformed division of the Secret Service guard FBI informant Mohamed Alanssi, who set himself on fire outside the White House fence on Monday.

## FBI informant sets himself afire in front of White House

Second man jumps security fence in unrelated act

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man who set himself afire near the White House was upset with the way he was being treated as an FBI informant, specifically complaining to The Washington Post about his inability to return to Yemen to visit his ill wife.

Mohamed Alanssi, 52, arrived at the White House gate just before 2 p.m. Monday with a letter addressed to President Bush. After talking briefly with uniformed Secret Service officers, he pulled a lighter from his pocket and set his clothing ablaze.

Although the officers, who had been alerted by the Post, acted quickly to extinguish the flames, emergency medical technicians said he suffered burns on his hands, neck and face.

In an unrelated incident, a different man jumped the fence on the north side of the White House grounds. Officers of

the Secret Service's uniformed division apprehended the man shortly after 5 p.m., officials said. That incident is also under investigation.

Alanssi was taken to Washington Hospital Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The Post reported that Alanssi, who also used the name Mohamed Alhadrami, had informed the newspaper of his plans early Monday. He told The Post by fax and telephone that he was "going to burn my body at unexpected place." He also faxed a letter to an FBI agent in New York who has had contact with him, the Post reported.

The paper said it alerted the New York agent about its contact with Alanssi and subsequently informed District of Columbia police when it learned from the man that he planned to set himself on fire outside the White House.

## Ga. crematory operator who scammed families likely to plead guilty, DA says

By HARRY R. WEBER

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A former crematory operator accused of dumping 334 bodies on his property and passing off cement dust as ashes has agreed to plead guilty to criminal charges in the case, the prosecutor's office said in a letter sent to victims' families.

The letter dated Nov. 10 does not give details of the plea agreement, but a source with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Ray Brent Marsh will be sentenced to 12 years in prison on a 15-year probation period, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The source would not elaborate.

The sentence, which covers all 787 criminal charges against Marsh, will be followed by a lengthy probation period, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The source would not elaborate.

A court hearing to discuss the deal has been set for Friday.

Walker County District Attorney Herbert E. Franklin, whose office sent the letter, and defense lawyer Ken Poston declined to comment.

A judge must approve any deal worked out by the two sides.

Leanne Dolin, a clerk to Judge James Bodiford, who has been overseeing the case, refused to comment.

Marsh allegedly stopped performing cremations at the Turner Cemetery in Noble in 1997, when he took over the family business from his father. In 2002, hundreds of decomposing corpses were found stacked in storage sheds and scattered in woods outside the crematory in rural northwest Georgia. The crematory served funeral homes from Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

# Crash victim returns home

BY GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Laura Hatch remembers only praying and trying to break free from her car after it crashed down a ravine, leaving her severely injured and trapped for eight days.

Since returning home, she's been spending most of her time sleeping, talking with her twin sister and — like any teen concerned about her appearance — avoiding all but her closest friends.

The 17-year-old, who recently underwent complex reconstructive surgery, was expected to make a full recovery within months, her doctors said at a news conference Monday. She, however, did not speak publicly.

## Teen spent 8 days trapped in car

"She's done beautifully. She's going to lead a normal life," said Dr. Richard Ellenbogen, a neurosurgeon at Children's Hospital in Seattle. "She's as beautiful inside as she's going to be outside."

For eight days, no one knew where the teenager was following the Oct. 2 accident. She crashed her car 200 feet down a ravine after leaving a party in the east Seattle suburb of Redmond, where her family lives.

Relatives searched repeatedly. Sheriff's deputies figured her for a runaway. Finally, a family friend, who said she was guided by vivid dreams, drove with her own daughter to the crash area and spotted the car.

Hatch was dehydrated, and her right eye socket, cheekbone and nose were crushed.

Laura's father, Todd Hatch, said that she has no recollection of the accident or how it happened. He said she may have been drinking — there was underage drinking at the party — but "she seems incapable of telling me."

When she was rescued, she believed it was still the same day as the accident, he said. All she recalls of her first 10 days in a hospital is an IV being removed from her arm.

Once her body heals, doctors say, Hatch will be able to do everything she'd done before, including playing soccer.



Laura Hatch's father, Todd, and twin sister, Amy, left, smile as Dr. Richard Ellenbogen describes Laura's recovery at Children's Hospital in Seattle on Monday. Laura spent eight days trapped in a car without food or water in early October.

## Shark protections proposed

NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. government on Monday proposed broad international measures to curb the slaughter of sharks in the Atlantic Ocean and encourage the study and preservation of threatened shark populations throughout the world.

The proposals include a ban on the practice known as shark finning, reduction of the number of fishing vessels that hunt sharks, collection of more data on shark populations and development of fishing nets that would not harm sharks.

## DNA profiles delayed

WASHINGTON — Thousands of DNA profiles in unsolved criminal cases experience long delays before they are added to a national FBI database, jeopardizing their value in identifying suspected murderers, rapists and others, according to a Justice Department report Monday.

The report by Glenn A. Fine, the Justice Department's inspector general, identified more than 2,500 completed DNA profiles in unsolved cases that had not been added by state and local crime labs to the FBI's Combined DNA Index System in a timely fashion.

## Teen birth rate declines

ATLANTA — The birth rate among American girls ages 10 to 14 has fallen to its lowest level since 1946, the government reported Monday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of births among girls in this age group dropped 38 percent from 1994 to 2002 alone, even though the number of girls 10 to 14 climbed 16 percent during the same period.

The researchers attributed the decline to sex education.

## Pfizer ordered to pull ads

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration ordered Pfizer Inc. to yank cheeky television ads that promised better sex for men taking Viagra because the ads failed to disclose known risks associated with the drug, according to a letter released Monday.

"Remember that guy who used to be 'Wild Thing'?" the ads say as a middle-aged couple look in the window of a lingerie store. Later, blue horns sprout from the frisky man's head with the words "He's back." The horns morph into the letter "V" of Viagra.

From The Associated Press



Family photo via AP

Londonderry, N.H., senior Blake Douglass, 17, submitted this photo to his high school yearbook. Douglass has filed a lawsuit against the school officials who rejected it.

# High school student sues over pose in senior photo

BY BEVERLEY WANG  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Where other students might pose for their senior yearbook photo with tennis rackets or favorite cars, Blake Douglass wants to be seen with his shotgun.

The 17-year-old senior filed a federal lawsuit to force Londonderry High School to allow the photo and give up the policy school officials used to reject it.

"What they're doing is basically discriminating based on content or message," said Penny Dean, Douglass' lawyer and a specialist in gun cases. "You can't do that. You might want to but you can't, and especially you can't with a broad policy like this."

"We want the picture in the yearbook," said Dean said after filing the lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court.

The lawsuit seeks a temporary injunction so the picture can appear in the yearbook and a permanent injunction against the "pick-and-choose policy" of what photographs are published, Dean said.

The lawsuit names the Londonderry school board members, high school principal,

school superintendent, town manager and school officials involved in the production of the yearbook.

An avid hunter and trap and skeet shooter, Douglass said he decided long ago on his senior photo — an outdoor shot in a sportsman's pose, wearing a shooting vest and holding his shotgun over his shoulder.

"He would look at his yearbooks since he's been a freeman and say, 'I can't wait until I'm a senior — this is how I want my senior picture done,'" said his mother, Kathy Douglass.

Blake Douglass said seniors in previous classes have posed with musical instruments, dogs, inline skates and a Ford Mustang.

"Those were their hobbies and I just want to put my hobby in," he said. "I don't see it as a threat."

School officials said the photo lacks context in the yearbook's seniors section. They offered to publish it in a separate "community sports" section, but Douglass refused.

Principal James Elefante said that although the photo isn't threatening, "I still stand by that holding a saxophone is different from holding a shotgun."

# British makers of vaccine ask for inspection

BY DIEDTRA HENDERSON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chiron Corp. has asked British regulators to inspect its facility producing its second Liverpool flu vaccine to make sure it doesn't run into the same contamination problems that forced the closure of another plant and a flu shot crisis in the United States, a top U.S. health official said Monday.

The company was to have supplied half of the nation's flu vaccine this year. Its inability to do so was an issue in the presidential campaign, prompted government investigations, sparked a congressional inquiry and raised concerns about its production of the experimental bird flu vaccine.

The inspection of its second Liverpool facility, where 10,000 doses of bird flu vaccine are being produced for use in clinical trials, is expected to occur before Christmas.

"They asked to be inspected," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the national Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

## New methods may help prepare for bird flu pandemic

Asked whether U.S. officials would more aggressively inspect the plant, Fauci said, "I can speak for the FDA, the Food and Drug Administration."

Chiron is one of two companies producing experimental bird flu vaccine. Aventis Pasteur also has received a federal contract to produce 8,000 pilot lots. More importantly, Aventis scored a government contract to produce 2 million doses of vaccine to treat the strain of bird flu blamed for killing 32 of the 44 humans infected in Thailand and Vietnam this year.

The preparations come as anticipation of the next flu pandemic.

Fauci told reporters on Monday that researchers don't expect that dire predictions this year. The bird flu, while lethal, has not proven agile in leaping from human to human. But a pandemic will eventually strike this nation, he said.

"We're due for it," he said.

His comments came during a wide-ranging National Institutes of Health round-table on new developments in influenza research.

Scientists are now working on such know-how as developing a vaccine that would give long-term flu protection, eliminating the need for annual shots, and speedier ways to produce flu vaccine.

In addition, the government will try to predict the influenza virus's next moves by sequencing genomes for thousands of known human and bird flu viruses, a project that could help researchers understand how the flu constantly evolves.

Around the globe, the flu kills up to 500,000 people each year.

In the United States, the death toll in a typical year is 36,000, with 200,000 suffering severe enough infections to be hospitalized.

Rapper Snoop Dogg, center, watches from the stage Monday after a fight broke out in the audience at the second annual Vibe Awards at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, Calif. Snoop Dogg and Quincy Jones were presenting a special "Vibe Legend Award" to hip-hop producer/performer Dr. Dre from the stage when the fight started.

AP



## Fight breaks out at the Vibe awards

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A fight broke out near the stage at the Vibe awards ceremony as rapper Snoop Dogg and producer Quincy Jones were preparing to honor Dr. Dre, and one person was stabbed, authorities and witnesses said.

Dozens of people sitting near the stage Monday inside a hangar at the Santa Monica airport began shouting each other as the show wound down about 7:30 p.m. News video showed chairs being thrown, punches flying, people chasing one another and some being restrained.

It was unclear if the stabbing preceded or followed the fight.

The victim, a 26-year-old woman, was taken to a hospital and was listed in stable condition.

No arrests were made.

Witness Frank Williams said Dr. Dre was involved in the brawl.

"I saw Dr. Dre fighting somebody," Williams told KCAL-TV. "I don't know if he was fighting back. But there was a guy taken out basically bloodied."

The Los Angeles Times, citing an unnamed associate of Dr. Dre, said the melee broke out as the acclaimed hip-hop producer was sitting at a front-row table waiting to receive the Vibe Legend Award. A man walked up to Dr. Dre's table and punched him, and Dr. Dre's bodyguards went after the man, the associate said.

Dr. Dre, who was scheduled to receive a star award for his lifetime contributions to hip-hop, had not come on stage yet when the fight erupted, Jones

said and Snoop Dogg stood on stage without saying anything.

"My understanding is that it was somewhat chaotic in there," police Lt. Frank Fabrega said in a press conference following the fight.

Andrea Ferguson, employed by a public relations firm that worked with Vibe for the second annual awards ceremony, called the incident a "disruption" but declined to provide details. She added the show was allowed to continue but it was halted for about five minutes.

About 1,000 people attended the event; some scurried for the exits when the melee began. The show was taped Monday and was expected to be broadcast Tuesday.

"It's really important that we don't take a negative incident like this and do away with the awards," Suge Knight told reporters.

Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg and the late Tupac Shakur were among the artists signed to Knight's Death Row Records during its heyday in the early 1990s. After leaving the label, Dr. Dre started the highly successful Aftermath Records, which has signed stars including Eminem.

When Knight was released in 2001 from a five-year prison term for assault and weapons violations, Dr. Dre obtained a court order to keep Knight away from him, The Times said. It was unclear whether the order remained in effect Monday.

Vibe magazine focuses on urban culture and entertainment. The awards are voted on by music journalists and "regional tastemakers." R&B singer Usher led the awards with five nominations, followed by Alicia Keys, who has four nominations.

## Usher, OutKast win big at AMA

BY ALEX VEIGA

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Usher's year of astonishing success with the chart-topping, best-selling album "Confessions" culminated with a clutch of trophies at the 32nd annual American Music Awards.

The suave 26-year-old singer was honored Sunday with a leading four trophies, including favorite male soul-R&B artist, best pop-rock album, best pop-rock artist and best soul-R&B album.

"Thank you for this moment. Thank you for this year," said Usher, whose album sold more than 1 million copies in its debut week. "It's been amazing." Sunday's win underscores a host of awards Usher has received this year, positioning him to be a formidable factor in upcoming Grammy nominations.

It also was a good night for OutKast, who brought home awards for favorite pop-rock band and favorite rap-hip-hop album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below." They also won best rap-hip-hop group. Still, not everyone left happy.

Innovative rap newcomer Kanye West was shut out in all of his three nominations, including best new artist, which went to country singer Gretchen Wilson.

"I feel I was definitely robbed. ... I was the best new artist this year," West said backstage. "I don't know if I'll be back at this award show next year."

The ceremonies came as the rap world mourned O.D.B., the founding member of the Wu-Tang Clan, who collapsed and died Saturday at a New York recording studio, two days before his 36th birthday. In acceptance remarks, OutKast's Big Boi paid tribute briefly to the late rapper. "Rest in peace, Ol' Dirty Bastard," Big Boi said. "We love you."

The ABC telecast from the

Shrine Auditorium was heavy on performances, some of them censored, although host Jimmy Kimmel and a few presenters got away with racy material.

Gwen Stefani, working without the band No Doubt, opened the show with "What You Waiting For?" and Lenny Kravitz followed with "Lady."

Usher performed "My Boo" with soul diva Alicia Keys, who won favorite female artist in the soul-R&B category, edging out Janet Jackson and Beyonce.

Brooks & Dunn earned their fourth award for favorite country band. Toby Keith won favorite country male artist and best country album for "Shock 'n' Y'all."

Sheryl Crow won over Avril Lavigne and Jessica Simpson for favorite female pop-rock artist and also received the prize for adult contemporary artist.

Rockers Linkin Park were favorite alternative music artist for the second year in a row.

In awards announced before the telecast, rapper Jay-Z won favorite male artist in the rap-hip-hop category. Marc Anthony won favorite Latin music artist, and the group MercyMe won best contemporary inspirational artist.

Kimmel poked fun at everything from pop music's lip-synching problem to a

40-year-old clip of the Beatles, but his favorite target was Anna Nicole Smith, who she appeared at turns disoriented and manic while introducing a song by West.

"I still think the best performance of the night was Anna Nicole Smith. I told her to stay away from Snoop Dogg's brownies," Kimmel quipped, referring to a show skit where the rapper and troubled singer Bobby Brown pretended to be selling "5100 brownies."

Nominees for the American Music Awards were chosen on the basis of record sales, with winners selected by a survey of about 20,000 listeners.



AP photos

Above: Usher holds his four American Music Awards backstage Sunday at the 32nd annual American Music Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Below: Sheryl Crow received two awards.



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## OPINION

## Bush, Humoring much baggage to meeting

Expect smiles all around when President Bush meets Chinese leader Hu Jintao later this week in Chile at the annual summit of Asian Pacific leaders.

Daniel Sneider



U.S.-China relations under Bush had a rocky start four years ago when Chinese aircraft forced the landing of an American spy plane.

But those tensions have largely faded in favor of partnership on a range of issues, from terrorism to North Korea's nuclear program.

"Now," a senior Asian diplomat told me, "Beijing feels comfortable with the Bush team."

While Beijing's comfort level has increased, however, the Chinese leadership is uneasy over the muscular unilateralism of American policy under Bush.

Those fears are mirrored in Washington. Worries about China's rise as a great power were subordinated in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001. But they have not gone away.

A small window onto the tension beneath the smiles opened up just before the U.S. election. A few days before the vote, the English-language China Daily published an unusually frank critique of the U.S. role in the world, penned by China's elder statesman, Qian Qichen.

Qian portrayed the United States as an empire off course, eager to use force, overstretching, arrogant and headed for demise. The United States, he wrote, is using its anti-terror campaign to tighten control over the Middle East, Central Asia, Southeast Asia. These moves "have made it obvious that the United States has not changed its Cold War mentality and that the country is still accustomed to applying military means to deal with various threats, visible or invisible."

The document made its way to the White House, where it was read as an indirect endorsement and anticipation of the victory of Sen. John Kerry. President Bush was enraged, according to a senior administration official. Secretary of State Colin Powell called in the Chinese ambassador to formally complain.

The status of the author suggested that "this was not a case of one person making a bad call," the official told me. Qian is the architect

of China's foreign policy from the late 1980s through 2002, when he retired as vice premier. He remains a powerful influence, a man who has direct access to American and Chinese leaders.

Chinese officials told the Bush administration that the timing of the publication of the article was unintended. According to Chinese sources active in reform circles of the ruling Communist Party, Qian's article was first published on Oct. 18 in Study Weekly, a magazine for training high-level party cadres. A week later it appeared on major Chinese-language Web sites. Then China Daily, a government paper aimed at a foreign audience, published it.

My Chinese party sources accuse the Americans of being "too sensitive" to criticism. The Europeans have been much more critical of Bush policy than China, one told me. Americans need to understand that China is a more pluralized society where all sorts of opinions are expressed. After all, he points out, in democracies such as India and South Korea, "there are many voices against America's unilateralism and the war in Iraq."

But some U.S. officials see Qian's views reflected in quiet efforts to expand Chinese influence and to counter American dominance. "They are getting a lot of traction in Asia and in certain Eu-



ropean circles where there is broad and wide ambivalence about the U.S. now," the senior official says.

As an example, the Chinese rushed in to embrace the Philippines after that U.S. ally decided to withdraw its forces from Iraq. Among other things, they proposed an intelligence-sharing relationship between the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army and the Philippine military, an offer that alarmed U.S. officials.

When Hu meets Bush, the talk is likely to center more on Taiwan, where China wants the United States to crush the pro-independence ambitions of Taiwanese leader Chen Shui-bian. Terrorism and trade issues will not doubt be discussed as well. But as is often the case in this complex relationship, if you want to know what is going on, you need to look beneath the smiles.

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## Internal squabbles limit CIA's ability to improve

The CIA is an unmitigated mess. That's just a fact. It saw weapons of mass destruction where there weren't any. It failed to warn domestic agencies, namely the FBI, about suspicious figures who ultimately were involved in 9/11. Its resources in the Arab-speaking world where they were needed the most have been so bad it never has been able to pinpoint the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden. It believed that Iraqi citizens would welcome Americans with open arms. Can anyone spell insurgency and Fallujah?

Dan Thomasson



Now, at the most crucial time since the end of the Cuban missile crisis, its mission is being further eroded and disrupted by an all-out squabble in the Directorate of Operations, the tail that wags the much larger dog. The warfare, according to reports, stems from unhappiness of Directorate of Operations veterans over changes being made by former Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., who succeeded George Tenet as overall agency chief. Resignations have come from the deputy director and probably will from other top personnel. Morale is said to be declining rapidly.

Well, the morale of Americans isn't much better when considering that this and the often-incompetent FBI are the lead agencies in keeping the barbarians' bombs away from our gates.

Is it any wonder then that there is growing support for tearing up things and beginning again — which Congress, in effect, has taken a step toward in passing legislation that would create a new overall central intelligence director with budgetary authority over the activities of both the CIA and the

FBP. The next move logically would be to create a brand new agency modeled after Britain's MI5 with both domestic and foreign intelligence responsibilities, although that will be some time off.

The latest CIA problem is one that President Bush probably inadvertently brought about with his appointment of Goss. A one-time employee of the agency and chairman of the House committee on intelligence, Goss seemed a good choice despite complaints of partisanship. He may understand agency needs, but apparently he has trouble making changes without causing chaos, if that isn't too harsh a word. He reportedly is relying on personnel, some with CIA backgrounds, who came with him from Capitol Hill and who have ruffled the feathers of agency veterans.

Goss, meanwhile, has refused to listen personally to complaints or advice, if these stories are accurate. Ironically, Louis Freeh made the same mistake when he took over the FBI. He brought with him a cadre of outsiders who angered bureau veterans, and he

ended up being considered by many the worst of the bureau's directors since the death of J. Edgar Hoover. ... One would have thought an elected official with Goss's experience would have understood the political subtleties needed in handling the long-term operations.

No matter who is to blame for this nonsense, which includes damaging leaks to the press, James Woolsey, a former CIA director appearing on television on Sunday, was correct in his assessment that the agency needs to put it aside and go on with the business of trying to protect the nation from another terrorist disaster. Americans should be outraged at even the suggestion that personnel matters and personality disputes and power struggles are being put above their safety. As their supreme representative, Bush needs to intervene.

Over the decades the CIA has been assaulted by any number of reformers who seemed to cling to the notion that gentlemen don't read other gentlemen's mail. That silly stance, of course, was put to rest once and

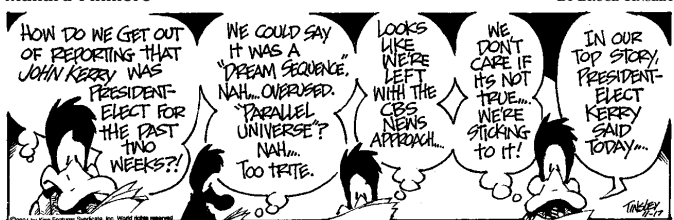
for all by 9/11. The super-clean concept of national intelligence gathering was first proposed and then imposed on the agency by the misguided former Sen. Frank Church of Idaho. Church's Senate hearings ultimately resulted in dismantling the CIA and virtually destroying human resources in favor of satellite surveillance in key areas like the Middle East. It has no place in today's realities.

If the agency is to convince Americans that it is populated with mature men and women and not boys and girls playing spy, its top personnel must end the internal conflict. If Goss can't bring this about in an orderly fashion, the man who appointed him should look for someone who can. Perhaps better yet, it may be time to really reform the way we gather intelligence. In some ways, the House- and Senate-passed bills to establish a new intelligence directorate being considered by a conference committee are a start, but the current strife inside the agency indicates much more is needed.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## IN THE WORLD

## India to reduce troops

NEW DELHI — India will begin withdrawing Wednesday some of its troops from the disputed region of Kashmir, a local television station reported.

The first phase of the roll-back aimed at boosting peace talks with rival Pakistan, has been timed to coincide with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to India's Jammu-Kashmir state, AajTak television reported.

The Cabinet Committee on Security, India's top decision-making body on security issues — followed up Tuesday on Singh's order last week to cut troop levels in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir, the report said.

## Macedonian crisis

SKOPIE, Macedonia — Prime Minister Hani Kostov's resignation has fueled a political crisis in Macedonia, where ethnic tensions already are running high, an opposition leader said Tuesday.

Kostov announced Monday that he would step down, citing disagreements with his government's ethnic Albanian coalition partners. Parliament, which meets Thursday, must approve his resignation.

On Monday, Kostov, who became Prime Minister in May, said he felt he had no real support from either ethnic Albanian ministers in the coalition government. He accused the Albanian Union for Integration Party, which led the rebellion in 2001 — of promoting partisan interests, nepotism and corruption.

## Iran nuclear deal

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian hard-liners on Tuesday criticized a nuclear deal reached with European nations, saying Iran gained nothing in return for suspending the nuclear enrichment process.

Lawmakers summoned Hassan Rowhani, the top nuclear negotiator, to a closed session of the parliament to question him over the agreement, announced Monday.

The agreement, detailed Monday by Iran and in a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, commits Iran to suspend all uranium enrichment and related activities within a week.

In return, Europe suggested it would help Iran develop peaceful nuclear energy.

## Protest anniversary

ATHENS, Greece — Police began taking up positions around Athens on Tuesday, a day before the anniversary of a 1973 student revolt and annual protest march to the U.S. embassy which in the past has been marred by violence.

More than 6,000 police officers will provide security, with 1,000 more standing by in case violence erupts.

Wednesday's rally march will mark the 31st anniversary of the student uprising which helped bring down the 1967-74 military dictatorship, which had received support from the United States.

From The Associated Press

## Powell praised by world leaders

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

TOKYO — World leaders lavished praise on Colin Powell as he stepped down as U.S. secretary of state, hailing his efforts to build international consensus and pledging to work closely with his replacement.



Powell

The outpouring of respect at Powell's standing as a balanced, multi-lateralist force in a U.S. administration that many, particularly in Europe and China, regarded as too willing to act on its own.

"Mr. Powell showed his understanding of our country, and made so many efforts to promote friendship," Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Tuesday. "I'd like to express my heartfelt respect for his efforts and achievements."

President Bush's most trusted foreign policy adviser, Condoleezza Rice, was tapped to replace Powell, a senior U.S. administration official said.

Koizumi, a steadfast supporter of Washington's policy in Iraq, said that "whoever takes over the position, the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship will not change."

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaochong called Powell "a good friend" in comments to Hong Kong reporters on the sidelines of Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Brazil. He added that the change in personnel would not change relations with Washington.

The expressions of respect for

## Global community has mixed feelings over Rice becoming secretary of state

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

PARIS — In Europe, it's hard for some to think of Condoleezza Rice — Colin Powell's replacement as U.S. secretary of state — without recalling the low points in trans-Atlantic relations that grew out of the war in Iraq.

After all, it was Rice who raised eyebrows last year with her Machiavellian suggestions for how Washington should treat European opponents of the U.S.-led invasion.

"Punish France, ignore Germany and forgive Russia," Rice was widely quoted as telling associates in the spring of 2003.

Trans-Atlantic ties have since improved to some extent. But Rice's reputation still precedes her. "Condoleezza is a woman with character, that's the least we can say," French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said Tuesday of President Bush's

Powell were similarly warm elsewhere, among those who support the U.S. operation in Iraq and those who are opposed.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw who worked together with Powell on the Iraq war, said the former general had made the transition "from being a great soldier to being a great statesman and diplomat."

In France, an ally whose ties with America were badly strained over Iraq, Foreign Minister Michel Barnier praised Powell's skills as a diplomat — matching the feelings of many French that the American made the argument for war in Iraq while privately agreeing with Paris.

Barnier became foreign minister in March, replacing Dominique de Villepin — the main face of France's opposition to the Iraq war.

"Colin Powell was never arrogant," Barnier said, adding that Powell always worked to advance "the questions that preoccupy us all."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, a critic of the U.S. invasion, also called Powell a "good friend" and said he spoke to him after the announcement of his resignation and wished him well.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who was visiting New York, told reporters that Powell knew Germany well because of the years he spent there in the U.S. military and said the government had an "excellent" and "friendly" relationship with him.

In the Mideast, officials praised Powell as "dignified" and a "voice of moderation" in an administration many Arabs see as heavy-handed at best.

Many in the region are angry

trusted national security adviser.

Many in Europe, Asia and the Middle East believe Rice will add a more conservative, hawkish bent to U.S. diplomacy after Powell, seen by many as a moderating voice in a Cabinet of hawks.

One immediate issue she will face is the Mideast peace process following the death of Yasser Arafat.

Palestinians said the new Bush administration must put more energy into the quest for peace.

Rice warmly welcomed Rice's naming to the post, with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom saying: "She is a true friend to Israel. Her friendship toward Israel is very deep and stems from religious feelings and deep faith."



Rice

over the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and Bush's efforts to make progress toward peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

Palestinian leaders said they hoped Powell's resignation would not dampen Bush's commitment to working for peace between their people and Israel.

"I already do hope that in President Bush's second term every effort will be expected in order to realize President Bush's vision of a two-state solution on the ground," Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, who met Powell on Monday, told his staff that "you are a very good friend of Israel, but more than that, you are a very good friend of peace... It's a big loss for me personally. It's a big loss for the state of Israel and it's a big loss for peace in the Middle East."

## Britain plans smoking ban in most public spots

BY BETH GARDINER

The Associated Press

LONDON — Four hundred years after King James I denounced tobacco as "loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs," the British government announced plans Tuesday to ban smoking in most public places, including restaurants and any pub that serves food.

Anti-smoking activists declared a partial victory, criticizing Health Secretary John Reid for letting smokers continue fighting up in some pubs and bars.

Nonetheless, it's a big step for a country that's had a long love-hate affair with tobacco. Britain's smoky pubs are at the heart of the nation's social life, and the trend in recent years toward "gastropubs" that serve meals as well as booze means the proposed ban will affect many drinking establishments.

Reid said only 20 percent of pubs and bars would be exempt from the ban, which would only apply in England, because they serve no food. Private social clubs are also exempt.

If approved by Parliament, the ban would be phased in over four years, affecting pubs last, by the end of 2008.

If Reid's proposal becomes law, Britain would be one of a handful of European countries to outlaw smoking in many public places since New York City made headlines with a strict ban last year.

Announcing the plan to the House of Commons, Reid said the measure was a fair compromise that respected people's right to make unhealthy choices, but not to harm others.

Health advocates, while they praised the plan as a step forward, faulted it for not going far enough and taking too long to get there.

The British Beer and Pub Association, a pub owners' group, warned a ban could prompt many to stop serving food, possibly causing customers to drink more.

"We're concerned that we could see a reversion back to the drinking dens we used to have 30 to 40 years ago, when all we served in pubs was alcohol," said Christine Milburn, an association spokeswoman.

As part of the government's effort to further reduce the number of Britons who smoke — now 26 percent — the government also plans to release "health warning" picture warnings on cigarette packs and new restrictions on tobacco advertising, Reid said.

A woman smokes while at an open-air restaurant in London's Covent Garden on Tuesday. Smoking will be banned in most public places in England, including restaurants and any pub or bar that serves food, the government announced Tuesday.

AP

# European spacecraft enters lunar orbit

BY DAVID RISING  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — A small spacecraft has made it into lunar orbit, signaling Europe's first successful mission to the moon and paving the way for the craft to be used to study the lunar surface, a European Space Agency spokesman said Tuesday.

The SMART-1 probe made it within 3,100 miles from the moon Monday morning, and will now begin spinning its way closer to the surface as it orbits, said ESA spokesman Franco Bonacina from the space agency's headquarters in Paris.

By mid-January, the dishwasher-sized spacecraft will be in an elliptical orbit that will take it within 185 miles of the moon's south pole and 1,850 miles from the north pole, Bonacina said.

"Today we have celebrated the successful technology mission, and now we start with science — we want to do imaging of the surface and study the chemistry of the moon," Bonacina said.

Over the past 13 months, the 809-pound probe has been putting toward the moon in a mission controlled from the ESA's operations center in Darmstadt in southern Germany. It measures 3.3 feet on each side, and solar panels, which help provide ion — or solar-electric — propulsion, spread 46 feet.

To reach the lunar orbit, it used only 130 pounds of the 181 pounds of xenon fuel it had aboard — less than expected and a feat that has raised hopes the technology can be used to send other craft longer distances.

For this mission, the surprising fuel efficiency of the spacecraft means that the agency might be able to launch its six-month mission by up to a year, if it can find the additional funding, Bonacina said.

When the mission is eventually complete, the probe will be left to crash onto the moon's surface.



EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY/AP

The European-made SMART-1 solar-powered satellite nears the Moon in this artist's rendition on its way to make the first comprehensive inventory of key chemical elements in the lunar surface. The satellite has reached the first of its closest approaches to the Moon, ESA announced Tuesday. Investigation of the Moon's surface will begin in January.

The mission marks the second time that ion propulsion has been used as a primary propulsion system. The first was the Deep Space 1 probe launched by NASA in October 1998.

SMART-1, short for "Small Missions for Advanced Research and Technology," was developed for ESA by the Swedish Space Corporation with contributions from some 30 contractors in Europe and the United States. It took off aboard an Ariane-5 rocket in September 2003.

## Europe closes in on moon

After a 13-month journey, the European spacecraft SMART-1 made it to within 3,100 miles from the moon Monday and will now begin spinning its way closer to the surface.

### SMART-1 mission

■ Final operational orbit — spanning between 6,214 mi. and 186.4 mi. over the moon's poles — reached in mid-January 2005

■ Next step: Scans moon's topography; six-month survey of key chemical elements of lunar surface, investigating theory on moon's origin

Solar-electric propulsion system

Solar arrays span 46 ft.; 75 percent of solar power is used for propulsion

Mission is first step to future goal: "Robot village" at lunar south pole

Total weight: 809 lbs.

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## Crash raises concerns over Ireland's fast police escorts

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — A fiery, head-on collision between two cars — one carrying a government minister, the other a vacationing American couple — has revived public fears of speeding by Ireland's police chauffeurs.

Monday night's accident on a narrow scenic road in southwest County Kerry injured the two American tourists, one critically, while the government minister, Eamon O Cuiv, suffered a sprained wrist and gashed arm.

The other two people in the minister's Volvo sedan — the police driver and O Cuiv's secretary — escaped with minor injuries, even though the car burst into flames upon impact. Firefighters had to cut open the roof of the other car, the Americans' rented Opel, to free the passengers.

Police said they were still investigating who was to blame and declined to name the American couple, but said they are residents of St. Louis, Missouri.

Several ministers in the government of Prime Minister Bertie Ahern have been caught in recent years flouting Ireland's speeding laws. Three, including Ahern's own re-election motorcade in 2002, have been clocked at speeds of 90 to 100 mph on roads with limits half that speed. The probe is considered evidence for government ministers who promote rural western districts far from Dublin.

## Refugees hope to rebury family in Afghanistan

BY RIAZ KHAN  
The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — When he finally leaves Pakistan after two decades, refugee Bahman Gul says he will do one last thing for his dead brother — take his remains home for reburial in Afghanistan.

The bearded, 68-year-old fruit seller plans to dig up his brother's grave, collect his body and inter it — this time permanently — in their ancestral graveyard in Afghanistan's eastern Laghman province.

Gul lives in Kacha Garhi, a dusty camp on the outskirts of the northwestern city of Peshawar, home to tens of thousands of Afghan refugees who have fled drought and conflict since the Soviet invasion in 1979 up to the repressive rule of the Taliban.

In a sprawling graveyard near the camp, refugees have in recent weeks dug up dozens of graves — a very unusual step for Muslims to take.

Some are driven by an emotional need to take their dead rela-



Afghan refugees walk past coffins on display Saturday at Kacha Garhi refugee camp near Peshawar, Pakistan. Some refugees have in recent weeks dug up dozens of graves, a very unusual step for Muslims, to take back bodies of their relatives for reburial in Afghanistan.

tives on their homeland journey — one made by about 3 million refugees in Pakistan and Iran since the Taliban regime fell in late 2001.

Others just want to save the

graves of dead relatives in Peshawar have issued notices to camp residents to vacate the area to make way for a planned government housing estate.

An Islamic cleric at a mosque in Kacha Garhi said that although Islam does not ban exhumations, it should only be done for a solid reason.

"If they are doing this because they have been told by the government, then it's all right. Otherwise it is not good," said Mohib Ullah. "It's an insult to the dead."

Gul said he loved his brother, a "martyr" from the war Afghan mujahideen fought against Soviet forces during the 1980s.

"It's an expression of people's love for their dead relatives to take their bodies and bury them in their own villages," said Gul, who wore a black waist coat and white turban.

A 19-year-old construction worker, Noor Mohammed, was equally committed to his grandfather who also died during the anti-Soviet resistance.

"These martyrs are assets of the nation. They should be taken there so they know that the objectives they fought for have been achieved and Afghanistan is free," Mohammed said.

### Officers considered for island

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Cape Town city leaders are considering putting police for the first time on Robben Island where former President Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners were jailed, a city councilor said Tuesday.

Now a world heritage site, the island 7.5 miles off the coast of Cape Town, has not been patrolled by police since it was converted from a prison to a museum and national monument in 1997.

The island's population of 180 people meant that police were not required before.

### Surveillance plane turns back

MOSCOW — A U.S. surveillance plane making a flight near Russia's Black Sea coast turned back after Russia sent a fighter jet to investigate, an Air Force spokesman said Tuesday.

Col. Alexander Drobyshesky said Monday's incident involved a U.S. Orion plane based on the Greek island of Crete, the Interfax news agency reported.

The Orion, a four-engine turboprop, is used as a maritime surveillance craft and is equipped with submarine detectors.

### Leader denies accusations

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai said Tuesday that the accusations he plotted to assassinate authoritarian President Robert Mugabe are nothing more than "pure political persecution."

Tsvangirai is in Sweden as a guest of the Oslo Palm Center, a human rights and peace group named for the murdered Swedish prime minister.

From The Associated Press



## Surfer escape

**CA** EUREKA — A surfer who was bumped off his board by a shark was able to push the animal away and paddle back to shore.

Brian Kang, 38, was 200 yards offshore Thursday, waiting for a wave in a popular surfing area near Eureka, when the shark knocked him into the water. The shark came back toward him as he tried to climb back onto the surfboard.

"It just came out of the blue," Kang said from his hospital bed, where he was being treated for gashes on his hip, knees and thumb. "I pushed it away with my hands."

Kang said he never got a good look at the shark, but another surfer spotted a 3-foot dorsal fin, which would indicate a great white shark.

It was the second shark attack along California's northern shore in recent months.

## Apartment fire kills four

**LA** HARVEY — Four people died following a fire at an apartment complex in this New Orleans suburb and authorities said that some of the victims had non-fire related injuries.

A person was being detained by homicide investigators for questioning, but authorities refused to divulge any details.

A 30-year-old woman, an 11-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl were dead at the scene. A 17-year-old girl was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital, while a 10-year-old boy was hospitalized with burns.

Fortunato said the woman, the 17-year-old girl and the 11-year-old boy had injuries apparently not related to the fire. He refused to discuss specifics. He also said investigators were questioning one person.

## Doctrine of theft

**MN** WILLMAR — After its last pastor allegedly balked them out of \$10,000, leaders of Rejoice Ministries church thought they were being extra careful when they hired James Poole.

Still reeling from the theft, they asked Poole to come to the church and preach in a letter of caution to ensure Poole was legitimate before hiring him.

"He did a good service," church secretary Mary Steffens told The West Central Times of Willmar for a story in Saturday's paper. "I will give him credit for that."

Poole was hired in August, but less than a month later, he allegedly shipped town without repaying \$3,344 he "borrowed" from the church for rent, trips, even a new bathtub, Steffens said.

Church officials later learned that Poole — whose real name authorities believe is Jerry Andrews — had served jail time for writing bad checks and credit card theft.

Rejoice's congregation of 12 is now trying to decide whether to look for a new pastor or just shut down.

## A walk through the hood

**PA** PITTSBURGH — State education officials rejected a request by parents and school administrators to help pay for buses so children would not have to walk through a crime-ridden neighbor-



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hood.

Pittsburgh Superintendent John Thompson asked state officials in a letter to designate some of the routes children walk to Homewood Elementary School as hazardous because eight people were shot within blocks of the school in a recent week.

Thompson sought two buses to ferry students to and from the school. More than half the school's 422 students walk to class.

But officials turned down the request, explaining that state law only allows the Department of Education to pay for buses if traffic, not crime, makes walking dangerous.

## White-collar drug dealer

**TN** A Tennessee physician who launched a massive prescription drug fraud ring to support his own addictions racked up a 28-month prison term this week.

The punishment — dished out by U.S. District Court Senior Judge Leon Jordan — represented a nearly 50 percent break from what Dr. Christopher Castle, 48, had faced. "It reflects Dr. Castle's recognition of his responsibility for his criminal actions as well as his recognition of his co-conspirators' (crimes)," Assistant U.S. Attorney Hugh Ward told Jordan.

Castle pleaded guilty in May 2003 to conspiring with at least four other people in a prescription fraud scheme that involved more than 30,000 pills — many of which that wound up sold on the street



## A day on the water

A group of sea kayakers gather on the Tennessee River for an all-day event, a fundraiser for the River Gorge Land Trust, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

and even inside a state prison, records showed.

Court records show that Castle's medical practice went spiraling out of control with his addiction to Adderall pills containing amphetamine. That addiction led to a conspiracy in which Castle began writing prescriptions for his co-conspirators for painkillers including OxyContin, hydrocodone and Adderall.

## Guacamole traffic jam

**CA** What all of the commuters on Highway 118 through California's Simi Valley needed Wednesday were some chips and salsa, and they would have been set.

A tractor-trailer truck carrying 75,000 pounds of avocados overturned on the freeway, blocking two lanes and snarling rush-hour traffic, authorities said.

The truck was heading west on the highway when it swerved to avoid a car and the driver lost control, California Highway Patrol Officer Tom Costigan said.

The semi landed on its right side, blocking two lanes and the shoulder. The large quantity of produce and the size of the truck made moving the semi and cargo difficult, Costigan said.

## Bad senior care

**NY** ALBION — A judge sentenced a retired woman to 13½ years in prison for stealing money from her.

Susan Standish Hare, 40, formerly of Medina, was convicted in August of burglary, grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property and forgery.

Hare was accused of stealing \$75,000 from a Lyndonville woman in the summer of 2003 and depositing it in a bank account she set up for herself.

## Highway deaths up

**AL** MONTGOMERY — State troopers say the 657 fatalities in accidents this year has surpassed last year's total of 576 deaths.

A rash of 12 deaths the first three days of November drew attention to Alabama's growing highway death toll. Of this year's deaths, 275 occurred on county roads.

## City may tax cell phones

**OR** PORTLAND — City commissioners will discuss this week a new tax that would impose a 5 percent fee on cell phones, call waiting, caller ID and phone calls placed using the Internet and other telecom services. The tax would add \$2 to a \$40 monthly cell phone bill and collect an estimated \$6 million a year.

## GOP lands big spot

**GA** ATLANTA — Republicans in the Georgia House chose Rep. Glenn Richardson as the state's first GOP speaker since Reconstruction.

Hours later, party switches by two legislators elected as Democrats allowed the Republicans to claim their 98th seat in the 198-member chamber, seven votes more than a majority. The GOP took a Senate majority two years ago.



**Pig down that pig**  
Children scramble to capture a greased pig in an effort to win \$10 in prize money at the downtown Collinsville, Ala., Turkey Trot festival.



**Explosive demo**  
A B-25 Mitchell bomber flies over Nellis Air Force Base during a D-Day re-enactment at the Aviation Nation air show in Las Vegas.

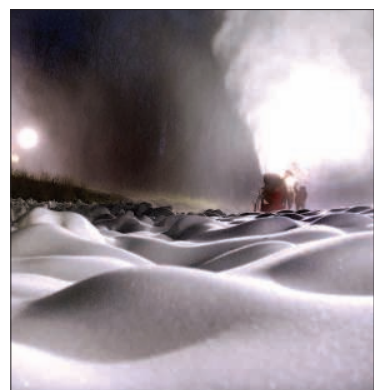


**Hungry monkey**  
Poppy, a 14-year-old female squirrel monkey, eats a worm as her newborn, named Mimikey, sleeps on her back at the Oakland Zoo in Oakland, Calif.





**Rain can't stop paving** A work crew paves a black top during rainy weather on the state parking lot between the War Memorial and Statehouse in Trenton, N.J.



**Man-made flurries** The snow machines were up and running at the Granite Peak Ski Area in Wausau, Wisconsin.



**Spreading its wings** An American eagle takes to flight after feasting on an armadillo that was killed off the side of road near Gibson, La.



**Taking a breather**

Cross country runner Buddy Davis, 19, catches his breath following a training run that ended during a brief snow fall in Flagstaff, Ariz.

## New kids' hospital

**IN** SOUTH BEND — Memorial Hospital plans to build a children's medical center that could save families from having to travel to Chicago or Indianapolis for specialty care, officials said. The hospital has hired a project consultant who has worked on expansions at children's hospitals across the United States.

Officials hope to have a complete plan by late 2005.

## Historical designation

**DE** LEWES — The portion of Cape Henlopen State Park once known as Fort Miles has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation enhances efforts to preserve and restore the site, including its observation towers, bunkers and dozens of buildings. Fort Miles was used by the military during World War II and turned over to the state 40 years ago.

## Mass transit price hike

**GA** ATLANTA — Atlanta's mass transit system wants to double to \$3.50 the fare for trains leaving Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. MARTA general manager Nathaniel Ford said the increase could raise \$2 million a year for a system faced with cutting service and using \$30 million from a reserve fund to meet costs. If city and airport officials agree, the higher fare could begin next year.

## Gas-and-go no more

**ID** TWIN FALLS — The City Council took action against drive-off gasoline thefts. At the request of retailers, it passed an ordinance requiring all cash customers to pay before pumping.

Stations failing to enforce prepayment could be fined. Police have fielded 210 reports of drive-off thefts this year. Retailers say they report only a fifth of the incidents.

## Amish driver's ed

**PA** LANCASTER — The Lancaster Highway Safety Council introduced a driver's manual for Amish horse-and-buggy operators.

The Amish Community Safety Committee and the state Transportation Department have been working on the manual for nearly three years.

Its publication came just days after an Amish man died in a horse-drawn cart accident in Perry County.

## Coal creates jobs

**WV** CHARLESTON — Increased coal mining and an improving national economy are expected to create 4,500 jobs a year in West Virginia through 2009, according to a West Virginia University study. The study also predicts that per-capita income will rise from \$23,383 to \$26,449. However, manufacturing job losses are expected to continue.

## High rollers welcome

**KS** PARK CITY — The Park City Council voted 7-1 to pursue an Indian casino they said would create between 1,300 and

1,500 permanent new jobs in the community a few miles north of Wichita.

The casino plan calls for a hotel and a youth activities area that could feature a theme park and other attractions. The city and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska need federal and state approval for the casino.

## HIV spreader convicted

**WA** OLYMPIA — A man was convicted by a judge Monday on charges he deliberately exposed 17 women to HIV by having unprotected sex with them. Five of the women have tested positive for the virus, which causes AIDS.

Anthony E. Whitfield, 32, faces a minimum sentence of 137 years in prison on the 17 counts of first-degree assault with sexual motivation and other charges.

Health officials said as many as 170 people may have been exposed to the virus because of Whitfield's actions, counting subsequent partners of women he had sex with. No additional people have tested positive for HIV, but 45 refused to be tested or couldn't be found.

## Keeping their cash

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Gov. Don Carcieri's administration said its fiscal reform plan has already saved the state \$55 million.

The state has recovered money on everything from telephone services to stepped-up tax collections, although the governor's office acknowledges a large portion of the \$55 million figure is based on expected savings through the end of the fiscal year and beyond.

The largest amount — \$25 million — is the amount the administration claims they will save with the recent award of a new three-year contract for state employee health insurance to UnitedHealthcare, according to The Providence Journal.

## "Tails" wins council seat

**FL** GROVELAND — The state that is the king of bizarre election finishes added another page to its quirky electoral history Friday as city council race decided by a coin toss.

G.P. Sloan, 77, and Richard Flynn, 75, each received 689 votes in the Nov. 2 election. No one emerged a winner after two recounts, so the candidates and three dozen supporters gathered for a coin flip Friday in the community center of this town of 4,400 residents located 25 miles west of Orlando.

The city manager flipped a bi-centennial dollar coin, and Flynn shouted "Heads." City manager Jason Yarbrough caught it and flipped it on to the back of his hand. "Tails it is," Yarbrough said, giving Sloan the victory.

"This is a very unusual occurrence in this day and age when we have such sophisticated mechanisms to vote on, such as a touch-screen computerized voter system," said Mayor Connie Fleetwood. "We've come down to a coin toss."

Florida law provides that candidates "draw lots" to determine a winner in the event of a tie. County election supervisors can determine the method of drawing lots, and Lake County in the past has used a coin toss.

Stories and photos from wire reports

## FACES



Bette Midler performs at Carnegie Hall in New York in April. The comical singer has no plans on retiring anytime soon.

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## Surfer inspires Hawaii governor

Teenager **Bethany Hamilton**, an inspiration to many when she returned to surfing after losing her left arm to a shark, swapped "board stories" with Gov. **Linda Lingle**.



Hamilton

week.

"I did this because I'm against drugs, and I think that's a main problem in Hawaii that a lot of people get caught into," Hamilton said.

## Former president teams with university

Former President Ford said he often walked past a vacant lot where the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy will be housed when he was a student at the University of Michigan in the 1930s.

Ford spoke to about 400 people gathered Friday at his alma mater for a groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the **Joan and Sanford Weill Hall**.

"When I came to the university in 1931, I brought a \$100 check from a principal of a high school who wanted to make damn sure that I went to a school in Ann Arbor," Ford said.

"I never would have thought when I plunked that \$100 down 73 years ago that I'd be involved in a ceremony of this kind... But strange things happen."

The school's Institute of Public Administration was renamed the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in 1999 in honor of Ford, the nation's 38th president.

## Historic house set for demolition

The house where surfboard columnist **Mike Royko** penned hard-edged articles on Chicago politics and life is being torn down by its owners.

The demolition began Thursday despite pleas from preservationists who say the California Craftsman home has historic value. The Chicago Tribune reported Friday.

Officials of affluent Winnetka, north of Chicago, considered the house the best example of California Craftsman design in the village.

Designed by a local architect in 1906, the house was molded in the Craftsman style, which



Royko

# Bette Midler not ready for farewell

Latest nationwide tour doesn't spell retirement

BY RICK MASSIMO  
The Providence Journal

**B**ette Midler is in the midst of a nationwide tour, but unlike many of her contemporaries, she isn't calling this a "farewell."

"I'm not retiring," she says in a phone interview, "and you can't make me!"

Informed that Cher, Gloria Estefan and Barry Manilow have all done swan-song shows recently, she explodes.

"They're all retiring? My God, there's not going to be anyone left! (Although) Cher's been retiring for five years, babe."

Kidding aside (maybe not in Cher's case), Midler says she understands the impulse to pack it in.

"(Touring is) very hard work. It's hard, hard, hard. No matter who you are, and how you travel, it's very hard... And when you get to a certain age, you say to yourself, 'What do I need this for?'"

So what does Midler need this for? "I did this beautiful show, and I just want everyone to see it."

The show, Midler says, is "very elaborate, and I am elaborate in it." It's full of her trademark singing, dancing and wisecracks, and it's set on Coney Island at the end of the 19th century.

The theme, Midler says, is "the amusement park of life, and/or death... Life as a funhouse, and everything wrapped around that."

Midler says the show has her hits, such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "The Rose," as well as new songs for her.

"People do like to hear the hits," she says, "and they do like to catch up with you and know what it was that happened to you."

As for her latest album, "Bette Midler Sings the Rosemary Clooney Songbook," she promises to fit in "as much as I can. It's hard to know, because if you sing that, something else has to go."

*"Really, the only thing that I find inspiring is music and dance. That's my calling, and it's the heart of my reason to go on. And if I can find that inspiration, it's great. And if I can't find it, then it really will be time to pack it in."*

Bette Midler

Midler says Clooney was one of her earliest favorites and influences.

"I want to be her house and she cooked pasta for me. She was one of the sweetest people I ever met in my life. And that voice! That voice was coming out at me in the late '40s and the early '50s, and I never really got over it. It was just such an emblematic voice. It was a sound that really distilled the times that I was living in. It was gentle, genteel, warm. It had so much hope and promise in it. I just really adored her."

But the album, she says, was producer Manilow's idea.

"He told me he had a dream. Of course, what can you say when someone tells you he had a dream except say, 'OK.'" Manilow was Midler's piano player and musical director very early in both of their careers. Working with him again was fun.

"He's a curious person — his own music and the music he does for others are not really the same thing. He's kind of like an architect."

"He knows a lot about music, and he can break it down. He's a terrific arranger... He knows how to get good work out of me."

Midler says that while she's not retiring, "it's foolish to say farewell, because you never know what life is going to hand you," she also doesn't know what's next.

"I have nothing to announce. I'm just trying to get through my shows in an elegant and timely fashion, remain my health and my voice, keep everyone around me from going mad and entertain the hordes."

After that? "Take a rest, and try to see what happened to (the audiences) and to me. Then look around for the music. Really, the only thing that I find inspiring is music and dance."

"That's my calling, and it's the heart of my reason to go on. And if I can find that inspiration, it's great. And if I can't find it, then it really will be time to pack it in."

featured handcrafted wood detailing, wide eaves, low gables, built-in storage space and tiled fireplaces.

Ownership by Royko, a columnist for the Chicago Tribune who died in 1997, added to the house's significance, said **David Bahman** of Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois.

**John and Catherine MacCarthy**, who bought the house from Royko's wife, **Judy**, for \$1.8 million earlier this year, plan to rebuild on the lot.

## Bill Cosby ribs small Michigan town

Entertainer **Bill Cosby** poked fun at Michigan's Upper Peninsula in a performance at Northern Michigan University.

"Why are you people up here?" Cosby asked the crowd of more than 6,800 people Friday night at the Berry Events Center. "Didn't you know there was nothing up here when you came to visit the campus? I called my wife before the show, and she asked what it was like up here, and I said, 'I don't know where I'm at. It's an eight-hour drive from downtown.'"

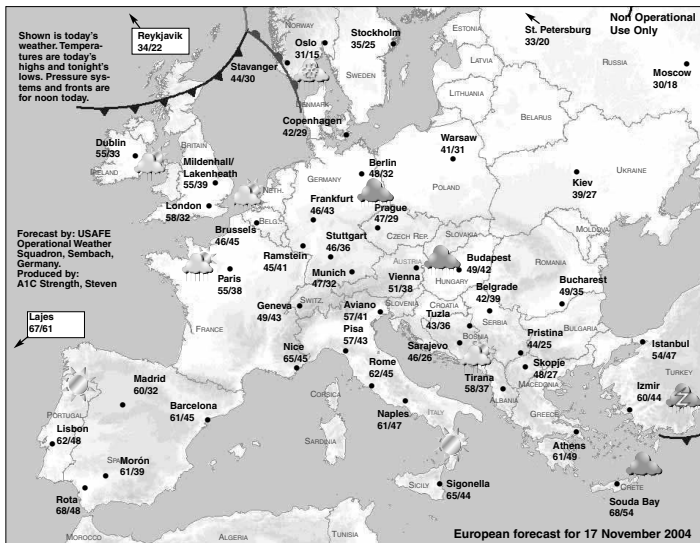
Marquette, with a population of about 20,000, is the Upper Peninsula's largest city. Cosby's routine included jokes about college life, relationships, and parents and children.



Cosby

Photos and stories from The Associated Press





## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s, Thursday's lows in the mid to upper 40s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid-to-upper 50s, Thursday's lows in the 30s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy with dense fog in the morning. Highs in the upper-30s, lows in the mid 30s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy rain showers in the north and Sunny in the south. Highs in the mid 60s, lows in the upper 30s.

**Northern Germany:** Cloudy with rains. Highs in the upper 40s, lows in the low to mid 30s.

**Southern Germany:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s, lows in the low to mid 30s.

**Hungary:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s, lows in the low 40s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, lows in the lower 40s.

**Southern Italy:** Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s, lows in the lower 40s.

**Kosovo:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-30s, lows in the mid-30s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain/snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s, lows in the mid teens.

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny. Highs in the mid-to-upper 60s, lows in the 30s.

**Turkey:** Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s, lows in the upper 40s.

## AFRICA

Cape Town	73	61	Mogadishu	81	70
Dakar	88	75	Nairobi	87	75
Freetown	89	76	Rabat	69	49
Kinshasa	86	71	Tripoli	71	52

## THE WORLD

Amsterdam	51	36	Manila	88	74
Bahrain	87	68	Mexico City	77	55
Beijing	55	31	Montreal	44	39
Bombay	96	78	Riyadh	90	64
Buenos Aires	72	61	Rio de Jan	83	71
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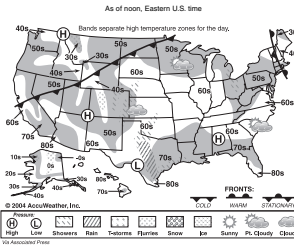
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Ashgabat	74/42	Kandahar	76/44	New Delhi	86/56
Tehran	66/49	Zahedan	77/42	Hyderabad	86/61
Baghdad	74/51	Dubai	80/68	Bombay	95/73

## SUN &amp; MOON

Sunrise (Baghdad)	Today 6:34am	Tomorrow 6:34am
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	Today 7:41am	Tomorrow 7:42am
Sunset (Baghdad)	Today 5:00pm	Tomorrow 5:00pm
Sunset (Frankfurt)	Today 4:40pm	Tomorrow 4:39pm

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# Horoscope

The tendency is to flit and float like a butterfly doing whatever catches your fancy. The phone rings, the e-mail icon bounces up and down, and there's a steady stream of distraction served up with a pleasant smile. Do at least three quantifiable tasks. Then, you'll avoid wondering at the end of the day, "What did I really accomplish?"

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 17).** This is a year of expanding your ideas about what is possible. You've counted on to give a heartfelt performance in January, and you deliver, earning money for your efforts! You'll be building a reputation through the spring. Get out and have fun — it's good for your public relations. Romantic pacts are made in December and again in June.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It's fantastically lucky both financially and socially to keep written track of your time. Something about documenting your life makes you feel present, able and motivated — especially when you look back on those scribbles later.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Even if you have no hard evidence that there are good things to come, you're somehow filled with anticipation. Connections with Virgos and Sagittarians are lucrative, though you'll be paying dues for a while.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Loved ones affect you strongly. You'll spend the day alternately enthralled and baffled. Let them have their own dramas. Fortuitous meetings are featured in the evening. Something that starts out all business turns into riotous fun.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If you're wondering whether a loved one's sweet gesture is enough to erase this person's wrongdoings from your memory for good, here's the answer — no, it won't. Getting to the heart of the problem is imperative.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Friends urge you to disclose the scintillating details of recent goings-on. Some

facts about your life are no one's business but your own. The secret you keep inside grows in power, giving you fuel to do what you must do next.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When you believe in your talent, you teach others how to believe in you as well. It's not arrogance — really! Confidence is a necessary component of being an artistic visionary. Put in the necessary hours.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Romantic feelings are thick and engulfing. It makes you long for the days when love was as light as a sheet of fabric softened. A change of environment will help you get back your lively and therefore your productivity.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Knowing more will change how you act. But extraneous information can only come through when you're using your usual senses to the fullest. Clue in to the details — a crack of the voice or the squint of an eye.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Events seem to line up for the sole purpose of recreating a past shock. This gives you a chance to review how you felt in the past and see if you'd like to choose a new feeling this time around. You do control your feelings.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your heart is yearning. Getting more variety into your life is one key to finding love. The other is believing that you have enough love already and seeing it in the people around you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Discipline becomes an issue. The "d" word doesn't have to be such a big thing. In fact, discipline is mainly about your small, daily habits. Someone you would do almost anything for will ask for a lot now.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Matters of faith arise at work. Use that strong moral compass to cherry-pick your business alliances. Tonight, you're quite easy to please. You're happy to make someone else happy.

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## Holiday Mathis



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



## Hi and Lois



## Beetle Bailey



## Red Rover



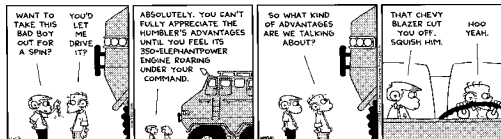
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## Peanuts



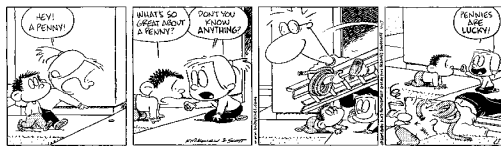
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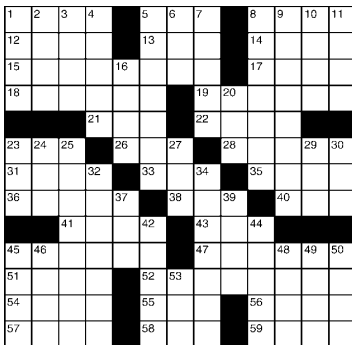
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

1 Flavor enhancer

5 Frenzied

8 Break suddenly

12 Hodge-podge

13 Bobby of hockey

14 Dark purple

15 Lunch period, often

17 Shot

18 Bottled spirits?

19 Lustrous fabric

21 Grimalkin

22 Speak unclearly

23 Card-table call

26 Bumped into

28 "The Bell Jar"

31 Eagle's a par-3

33 Eggnog ingredient

35 Sheltered

36 Fly-catcher

38 Clear the tables

40 Cunning

41 Polio-vaccine VIP

43 Actress Hagen

45 Waste time

47 Asian peninsula

51 Curved molding

52 Emotionally unstable

54 Deuce beater

55 Actress Joanne

56 Arizona tribe

57 Benefit

58 W. Hemisphere org.

59 Impersonated

## Down

1 Ditty

2 Lotion additive

3 Father of

32 Unerring

4 Invigorant

5 Less dry

6 Branch

7 Apparel

8 BBQ

9 S and 10, e.g.

10 Pinnacle

11 Menial laborer

16 Squad

20 Matterhorn or

23 Diastema

24 Lemieux

25 Time rival

27 Popcorn container

29 — Aviv

30 Attention getter

32 Unerring

34 Island garb

37 Right angle

39 Luminary

42 Japanese

44 "Hi, Ho"

45 They're often

46 Taj Mahal city

48 On

49 Comic-strip

50 Low-pH

53 Historic

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 11-17

## CRYPTOQUIP

BJ K OKTKNBLD EKS  
 NLTKMPD, KTPVKFCD  
 TDCBPBZVN FDCBDJN, B  
 T D G U Z M B L ' S F D K  
 E D T L B G U .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MOM WANTED HER TWIN BOYS TO COME IMMEDIATELY, SHE WOULD CRY "ON THE DOUBLE!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals E

# Dress dollars probably down drain

**Dear Abby:** Some friends of ours, "Rhonda" and "Mike," planned to be married. They have two small children together. Mike is a longtime childhood friend of my husband's; we met Rhonda through Mike. Mike and Rhonda are no longer together. It was a messy breakup.

They no longer speak to each other, and they even have relatives involved in the exchange of their children so they do not have to see each other.

My husband and I gave Rhonda \$100 as a down payment on the wedding dress that she just "had" to have. Mike and Rhonda both thanked us, and said not to buy a wedding gift, that the money was

gift enough. Rhonda bought the dress and Rhonda plans to sell it. My husband and I are not well-off, and we would like our money back. We feel that now the wedding has been canceled, the money should be returned. Rhonda did not offer to do it. Should we confront her and tell

her that when she sells the dress that we'd like the \$100 back? How should we handle this?

— **Want Our Money** in Washington

**Dear Wants:** Rather than "confront" Rhonda, remind her that when she sells the dress, you would like her to return the money. But don't hold your breath. Since your friendship was based on your long-standing friendship with Mike, she may assume that her relationship with you is history — and not feel inclined to do so.

**Dear Abby:** I have fallen in love with a wonderful man I'll call "Hank." Hank is everything I want in a man. We have been together for five months, and he is always very well-dressed — which is important to me. I take pride in the way I look and want my partner to do the same. Hank and I went out yesterday. It was cold outside and

Hank said he would wear a sweater. Well, Abby, the sweater looked like something he found in a trash bin! It was stained, dirty and faded. How do I tell Hank that sweater has to go without hurting his feelings? I felt embarrassed to be with him, which I hated to admit to myself. How can I tell him not to wear it again?

— **Embarrassed in Illinois**

**Dear Embarrassed:** Do NOT tell him not to wear it again, or that you felt embarrassed to be seen with him in it. When an otherwise spiffy dresser wears a garment that is "old, stained, faded," etc., it is safe to assume that the item has sentimental value. Since you prefer that he wear something nicer, buy him a sweater or two — and as the weather grows colder let him know how much it would please you to see him in something you selected especially for him.

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Dear Abby

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GLIEB

YNOFLE

ZOLENZ

www.jumble.com

A: BY

Yesterday's

Jumbles: AWASH TYPED WHOLLY WATER  
Answer: When the surfers saw the big waves, they said it was — WORTH THE "WADE."

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrinon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Smoky neighbor a health hazard

**Dear Annie:** I have lived in a wonderful apartment for five years.

Three months ago, a woman who is a heavy smoker moved in downstairs.

Her smoke drifts into my apartment, even when I have my windows and patio door closed.

Last month, the smell was so bad, I went to her apartment to confront her. She apologized and promised to buy a smokeless ashtrey, but nothing has changed. Also, she is a senior citizen, and I know it would be nearly impossible for her to quit. I have gone to my doctor because the secondhand smoke is affecting my health. He put me on allergy medication, but I am still suffering.

I can feel the smoke burning in my throat and lungs. I am so concerned that I've started wearing a dust mask to filter out the smoke.

She has talked to the management office and was told there is nothing they can do. I also

Annie's Mailbox



checked my lease, and although there is a section regarding "nuisances," cigarette smoke isn't listed. Please help me. I am losing my patience and do not want to have a blow-up with this woman.

Do I have any legal rights to protect me against her cigarette smoke? I don't want to move. Can she be forced out?

— **Trouble Breathing** in San Leandro, Calif.

**Dear San Leandro:** No. There are no current laws, even in California, that prohibit someone from smoking inside her own apartment. Since you have a health condition, it's possible you can seek redress through the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission. Otherwise, try adding some ventilation to your own place, perhaps a filtration system, that will help you breathe easier. And start looking for another place soon, preferably one with a no-smoking policy.

**Dear Annie:** I am dating "Roger," a man I love very much. In the past, Roger has dated overly jealous women who cheated on him, and now I am living in their shadow. If he neglects to introduce me to some-one and I ask who it is, he jumps to the conclusion that I am jealous. If I am late when we are scheduled to go somewhere, he will leave without me. However, if HE is behind schedule and I call to see if he is on the way, he thinks I am checking up on him and becomes very angry.

Roger currently is not speaking to me because I called to ask where he was.

— **Confused in Freeport, Ill.**

**Dear Confused:** It is unhealthy to walk on eggshells in a relationship because you fear upsetting them. Roger is insecure, childish, suspicious and inconsiderate. Get out while you can.

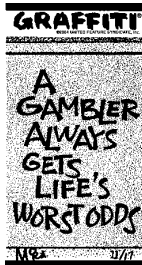
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## Family Circus



"Today we learned we live on a planet. Tomorrow I hope we'll find out which one."



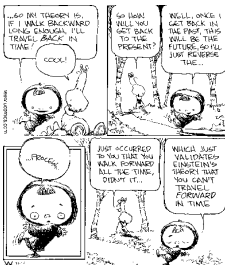
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The Far Side



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## SCOREBOARD

## AFN Sports &amp; Radio

## Wednesday

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—Tennis: Masters Cup Houston (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—College football: Nextel Cup Southern 500 (ind.)

**AFN-Radio, 1 a.m.**—College football: Ohio St. at Purdue (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.**—Boxing: John Ruiz (47-2, 10) vs. James Munn (31-3, 1) for IBF heavyweight championship; Evander Holvey (38-72, 10) vs. Larry Donald (4-2, 2) for WBA heavyweight championship; Hasim Rahman (39-5, 1) vs. Kalil Meachan (23-2, 1) for WBA super-middleweight title.

**Thursday**

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—College basketball: Princeton NT, second-round game, teams TBA

**AFN-Radio, 1 a.m.**—NBA: Boston at Washington Wizards

**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NBA: Miami at Milwaukee Bucks

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NFL: NFL Films: Game of the Week (100)

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—CFL: Saskatchewan at U.S. men football Cup qualifier (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—Tennis: Masters Cup Houston, Day 3 (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—Motor racing: NASCAR Trucks Darlington 200 (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—Pro Bull Riding Tour World Finals 200 (ind.)

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—Golf: World Golf Championships World Cup, 1st round (ind.)

All times Central European time; ind. indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts are not available in all areas. Visit [www.afn.net](http://www.afn.net) for more information.

## College football

## AP Top 25 schedule

**Thursday, Nov. 11**

No. 15 Virginia Tech vs. Maryland

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

No. 2 Auburn at Auburn

No. 2 Oklahoma at Baylor

No. 4 California vs. Stanford

No. 5 Utah vs. BYU

No. 7 Michigan at Ohio State

No. 8 Louisville at Houston

No. 9 Wisconsin at No. 10

No. 10 Florida State vs. Florida

No. 11 Boise State vs. Louisiana Tech

No. 13 LSU vs. Mississippi

No. 15 Tennessee at Vanderbilt

No. 18 Virginia at Georgia Tech

No. 19 Boston College at Clemson

No. 24 UTPE vs. SMU

**Friday, Nov. 12**

No. 14 LSU vs. Mississippi

No. 15 Tennessee at Vanderbilt

No. 18 Virginia at Georgia Tech

No. 19 Boston College at Clemson

No. 24 UTPE vs. SMU

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## NCAA Division III playoffs

## First Round

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

Curry, Mass. (9-1) at Hobart, Mich. (9-1)

Mullenburg, Pa. (8-2) at St. John Fisher, N.Y. (9-1)

Shenandoah, Va. (7-3) at Delaware Valley, Pa. (9-1)

**Sunday, Nov. 14**

Bridgewater, Va. (7-3) at Washington & Jefferson, Va. (9-1)

Mount St. Joseph, Ohio (10-0) at Wheaton, Ill. (9-1)

**Monday, Nov. 15**

Aurora, Ill. (6-4) at Woodstock, Ohio (10-0)

Christopher Newport, Va. (8-2) at Salisbury, Md. (10-0)

St. Norbert (9-1) at Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wis. (9-1)

**Tuesday, Nov. 16**

Warburg, Iowa (8-2) at Concordia-Moorhead, Minn. (9-1)

Hardy-Barnhart, Ohio (9-1) at Trinity, Texas (9-1)

Williamette, Ore. (7-3) at Occidental, Calif. (9-1)

**Wednesday, Nov. 17**

Kutztown, Pa. (9-1) at Columbia Union, N.C. (9-1)

Mercyhurst, Pa. (9-1) at Urbana, Ill. (9-1)

**Thursday, Nov. 18**

Johnston, N.C. (9-1) at St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1)

St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1) at St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1)

**Friday, Nov. 19**

Armstrong Atlantic, Ga. (9-1) at Queens, N.Y. (9-1)

Ashland, Ill. (6-4) at Lincoln Memorial, Ill. (9-1)

Kennett Square, Pa. (9-1) at Benedict College, S.C. (9-1)

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

Marshall, W. Va. (9-1) at St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1)

St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1) at St. Michaels, N.C. (9-1)

**Sunday, Nov. 21**

Augustana, S.D. (9-1) at Dickinson, S.D. (9-1)

Cardinal Stritch, La. (9-1) at Viterbo, Minn. (9-1)

**Monday, Nov. 22**

Darmen, 87, Tiffin 72

Minn.-Duluth 90, Bemidji 57

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**

SW Baptist 138, Ozark Christian 44

St. Mary's, Kan. 78, Baker 66

**Wednesday, Nov. 24**

Angelo State 54, St. Cloud 42

17th Arkansas Baptist 83, Ouachita 70

**Thursday, Nov. 25**

Marquette 60, Illinois 32

Penn St. 77, W. Carolina 40

**Friday, Nov. 26**

St. Cloud 53, Minnesota 42

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**Saturday, Nov. 27**

Creighton 74, Alcorn 52

Duke 121, Robert Morris 56

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# Tennessee not taking Vandy lightly despite its dominance

Vols can earn trip to SEC title game vs. team they haven't lost to since '82

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's season has come down to this — beat Vanderbilt and go to the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Don't laugh. The Vols aren't. Even though No. 15 Tennessee hasn't lost to the Commodores since 1982 — a span of 21 games — and Vanderbilt hasn't even scored a point against its in-state rival since 2000, Tennessee linebacker Kevin Burnett is serious about winning Saturday's game in Nashville.

This could be embarrassing. This could ruin our championship hopes. This could ruin everything if we lose this game," Burnett said. "We're not playing just to play Vanderbilt anymore. This has a lot at stake. We have a ring at stake. It will kill me for us to lose to Vanderbilt."

If they stumble against Vanderbilt (2-8, 1-6), the Vols (7-2, 5-1) could still get into the SEC championship game by beating Kentucky in their regular-season finale Nov. 27.

"I guess you only have to win one of the two, but I don't think anyone here is looking at it that way," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

That's the right attitude, Burnett says, especially for the coaches.

"We have to take the mentality



Junior Rick Clausen, above, is Tennessee's third starting QB this season because of injuries to Erik Ange and Brent Schaeffer.

that it's do or die now. Not just us, but this could mean jobs. If we don't go to the SEC championship it's a good possibility this coaching staff will lose their jobs for that. That's how we look at it," Burnett said. "If Tennessee loses to Vanderbilt or Kentucky, we're going to have some problems."

Burnett really thinks Fulmer and his staff could be fired after a loss.

"If I was the athletic director,

yeah," he said.

Tennessee should use its next two games to iron out some problems and get better prepared for the SEC championship against

No. 2 Auburn, which beat the Vols 34-10 earlier this season.

"We've got two big challenges here ... and then obviously an opportunity out there in front of us that if we play well we'll get," Fulmer said. "We need to improve considerably in some areas to be ready for that opportunity as well."

Tennessee has to get adjusted to a new quarterback. Junior Rick Clausen will be the Vols' third starter this season, replacing freshmen Brent Schaeffer and Erik Ange. Schaeffer broke his collarbone at South Carolina, and Ange separated his shoulder the next game against Notre Dame.

Tennessee had last week off after a 17-13 loss to Notre Dame, and many other injured players used the time to heal.

Center Jason Respert missed the Notre Dame game because of an ankle sprain.

"I feel great," he said. "My legs feel fresh."

With last week off, some of the players watched football games like Auburn's win over Georgia and Pittsburgh's victory at Notre Dame.

But the players say they're not ready to talk about Auburn yet.

"We need to stop thinking about the SEC championship game," Respert said. "If you look over Vanderbilt and Kentucky and go out and play like crap, they'll beat you."

# Wolverines are determined not to let Buckeyes ruin their Rose Bowl hopes

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Hate.

That's the word Chad Henne used to describe the Michigan-Ohio State rivalry, and it's a description his coach probably wishes his freshman quarterback had avoided.

"It's the biggest tradition in college football," Henne said.

"They hate us and we hate them."

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said because Henne hasn't played the Buckeyes yet, he doesn't really understand.

"Hate, I guarantee is not part of this rivalry," Carr said Monday. "And I think when he's through he would not characterize it that way. They probably love guys that say the same thing."

"I think if you're at Michigan, you hate to lose to Ohio State. And I think if you're at Ohio State, you hate to lose to Michigan. I think that's what Chad Henne meant, so per it that way."

Carr then smiled and laughed in a rare moment of levity during a week when a lot is at stake for No. 7 Michigan.

If the Wolverines (9-1, 7-0 Big Ten) win at Ohio State on Saturday, they will repeat as outright conference champions and will play in a second straight Rose Bowl.

If the Buckeyes (6-4, 3-4) win, they'll end a disappointing season with a satisfying victory.

"For them to spoil the season for us, it has to be a big motivator for them," senior running back Kevin Dudley said.

An Ohio State victory would also drop Michigan into a first-place tie and possibly a second-tier bowl in Florida.

Unless the postseason game is a part of the Bowl Championship Series, namely the Rose Bowl in California, the Wolverines want no part of it.

"We don't want to go back down to Florida," Marlin Jackson said. "We want to go to Pasadena."

Michigan controls its postseason fate because it got the help it needed when previously unbeaten Wisconsin lost at Michigan State on Saturday.

After the Wolverines beat Northwestern 42-20 — their seventh straight win this season and

13th Big Ten victory in a row — many of them huddled around televisions to root for their instate rivals.

"It's going crazy," linebacker Roy Manning said. "It's probably one of the only times I was rooting for Michigan State."

At least one former Buckeye — Jim Massey — will be pulling against his school because he has two younger brothers — Patrick and Mike — on Michigan's team.

"He definitely roots for us," said defensive tackle Patrick Massey, a Brecksville, Ohio, native. "He's a family guy. He's got a lot of friends in his school — Patrick and Mike — on Michigan's team."

The Wolverines don't expect to hear Jim Massey or any other Michigan fan cheering Saturday at the Horseshoe.

"Going into a stadium where there are 90,000 people cheering for you to lose, it sends chills through your body," Dudley said.

"Running out there, everybody is booing you. Going out there and trying to prove that you're the better team, it's nice."



Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, left, shakes hands with Nebraska coach Bill Callahan following their game in Norman, Okla., Saturday. Oklahoma won 30-3, and sparked controversy by keeping its starters in the game and deciding not to kick a field goal on fourth down in the final minute. "In the heat of the game, I got caught unfortunately between sportsmanship and BCS points and in my mind probably chose the wrong one because I do believe in sportsmanship," Stoops said.

# Stoops: Oklahoma No. 2 because of schedule strength

BY JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Even Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops gets influenced by the BCS standings.

Stoops spent Monday crediting the Sooners' No. 2 spot in the new Bowl Championship Series standings to strength of schedule and regretting the perception that Oklahoma tried to run up the score against Nebraska in an effort to gain a few precious votes.

The Sooners maintained the second spot in the rankings behind top-rated Southern California. But No. 3 Auburn cut the Sooners' lead in half, from 0.567 points last week to 0.271 this week.

The top two teams in the final BCS standings will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national championship.

The race became tighter after Oklahoma beat Nebraska 30-3 and Auburn defeated Georgia 24-6, and voters in The Associated Press' poll moved Auburn into a tie with the Sooners at No. 2. Still, the computer rankings kept Oklahoma the top team in the nation, even ahead of BCS No. 1 Southern California.

The BCS became an issue on Saturday when the Sooners kept their starters in the game and decided not to kick a field goal on fourth down in the final minute, apparently looking for more points.

In retrospect, Stoops said he probably should have acted differently.

"In the heat of the game, I got caught unfortunately between

sportsmanship and BCS points and in my mind probably chose the wrong one because I do believe in sportsmanship," Stoops said.

On Monday, Stoops pointed to the Sooners' schedule as the reason they came on top of the computer rankings.

"I guess our schedule has been strong and that's helping us," he said.

Oklahoma's schedule includes victories against Bowling Green, currently ranked 25th, as well as Oregon of the Pac-10. Auburn's nonconference schedule included Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana Tech and Division I-AA The Citadel.

Oklahoma running back Kejuan Jones said the Sooners are in a quandary.

When Oklahoma was blowing teams out last season, experts deemed the Big 12 weak. Now, that the Sooners are winning by a smaller margin, yet, not the conference, are regarded as weaker.

"They're not going to ever be satisfied by the way we win," Jones said.

Some Sooners players have said they didn't fully understand how the BCS worked, but just hoped that if they finished the season undefeated they'd get a shot at the national championship.

The Trojans, Sooners and T-igers are all 10-0. Each has two games left and one loss by any of them would help resolve what could be another BCS problem.

"I think as a team we're just fed up with the BCS stuff," Jones said. "We just want to go out and play as hard as we can and get the victories as best as we can."

# PGA Tour pioneer Sifford joins golf greats

## First black tour member inducted into World Golf Hall of Fame

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — As the first black PGA Tour member, Charlie Sifford knew he had to keep his cool if he wanted to pave the way for others.

As the first black inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, Sifford lost his composure quickly.

He held up the crystal trophy for everyone to see, waving it from side to side like a wand and smiling broadly. Moments later he broke down, bowing his head and softly tapping the podium with his fist, choking back tears.

"You're going to have to forgive me, because this is touching," Sifford said. "A little of caddy boy from Charlotte, North Carolina, getting inducted into this great hall. How about it?"

More than 40 years after he helped put an end to the whites-only membership rules on

the PGA Tour, Sifford took his place among golf's greatest figures in a historic induction ceremony Monday night in front of 3,000 people who laughed, cried and celebrated his amazing journey.

"Tonight we honor a man not only for his accomplishments on the course, but the course he took in life," Gary Player said in his introduction of the 82-year-old Sifford. "Persistence is an ingredient that is essential to success, and Charlie had that persistence."

Joining Sifford in a most diverse class of inductees was Canadian amateur Marlene Stewart Street, Japanese star Isao Aoki, and former U.S. Open champion Tom Kite, whose endless work ethic brought him 19 victories.

Sifford paid his dues like no other.

He risked ridicule and threats breaking through the Caucas-

asian-only clause on the PGA, finally rescinded in 1961 after Sifford became the first black on tour.

Someone left feces in the cup at the Phoenix Open. Fans kicked his ball in the rough. Telephone calls in the middle of the night warned him not to show up at the golf course. Sifford played on, winning twice on the PGA Tour and later capturing the 1975 Senior PGA Championship.

"This is a great day, not only for Charlie Sifford but all of golf," Tiger Woods said in videotaped remarks.

The induction brought membership in the hall to 104, and a plea from Sifford that he not be the last black.

He paid tribute to Teddy Rhodes and Bill Spiller, who paved the way for him in the blacks-only United Golf Association; to Lee Elder, who became the first black to play in the Masters in 1975; and to Calvin Peete,

Jim Dent and Jim Thorpe, blacks who later succeeded on the PGA Tour.

"Charlie's induction reminds us how far we have come as a country and a game," PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said. "But it also reminds us how far we have to go."

Kite was among the steadiest performers, finishing in the top 20 on the PGA Tour money list 15 consecutive years and twice winning the money title. His most productive year was 1989, when he won The Players Championship, the Tour Championship and was voted PGA Tour player of the year.

Aoki won 73 times around the world and is the only Japanese player to win on six tours. He is best known for holing out for eagle on the 18th hole in the 1983 Hawaiian Open to become the first Japanese player to win on the PGA Tour.



Charlie Sifford won twice on the PGA Tour and the 1975 Senior PGA Championship.

"I think he's the Arnold Palmer of Japanese golf," said Greg Norman, who introduced him. "To travel from your home shores is not an easy task."

Street became the first Canadian inducted into the Hall of Fame. She had an amazing amateur career in which she won six national titles and last year captured the U.S. Senior Amateur at 69.

# Big East will be one 16-team basketball division in '05-'06

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Big East will be one 16-team division in 2005-06 and only 12 schools will participate in the postseason basketball tournament.

The league announced the new structure Monday and it takes effect following the addition in 2005 of five schools from Conference USA and Boston College's departure for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Miami and Virginia Tech left for the ACC this academic year, leaving the Big East with 12 schools.

Louisville, Cincinnati, DePaul, Marquette and South Florida make the move from Conference USA to make it 16 schools.

The schools will still play a 16-game regular-season schedule with 13 opponents and three repeat matchups. The league office will decide the repeat matchups and it will be based on television, rivalry and geography.

Only 12 schools will advance to the annual postseason tournament at Madison Square Garden, the same as the current setup.

"The bottom line is we want to help our best teams prepare for success in the NCAA tournament," commissioner Mike Tranghese said.

"If we expanded our tournament field to 16 teams, there would be no byes — or rewards — for what's going to be an exciting, but very long regular season."

The only other conference to have 16 members was the Western Athletic Conference from 1996-98. The biggest current league is Conference USA with 14 members.

The only difference in the women's basketball structure is that the Big East will have 15 other schools once with one repeat matchup.

## Sports briefs

### N.Y. commission suspends Holyfield after latest loss

NEW YORK — Evander Holyfield was suspended indefinitely by New York boxing officials in the wake of his Saturday night loss to journeyman Larry Donald.

The suspension means the 42-year-old former four-time heavyweight champion will have to seek medical clearance if he wants to fight again.

After losing a lopsided decision to Donald, Holyfield said he still plans to fight. Holyfield won only one round on one scorecard and two on the other two in the 12-round fight.

Holyfield has won only two of his last nine fights. He told the New York Daily News on Monday that the New York State Athletic Commission was involved in a "conspiracy" to keep him out of boxing and that he would contest the ban.

### Sports court sets new dates for Montgomery, Gaines hearings

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Hearings in the doping cases of American sprinters Tim Montgomery and Chryste Gaines have been delayed until the middle of next year, the Court of Arbitration for Sport said Tuesday.

The sports world's highest court said Montgomery's hearing will start June 6 in San Francisco and Gaines' case will begin July 10 in New York. The hearings had been set to begin in early November, but were postponed at the request of all parties.

Montgomery, world record holder in the 100 meters, and

Gaines have been charged by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and face lifetime bans if found guilty.

Neither tested positive for drugs, but each was charged based on evidence gathered in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case.

### Federer returns from injury, advances in Masters Cup

HOUSTON — The worst is over for Roger Federer.

After being sidelined three weeks with a torn left thigh muscle, Federer returned Monday for a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory over Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the first round of the ATP Masters Cup championship and felt no effects from his injury.

Federer and Gaudio were delayed more than 3½ hours by rain before completing their match.

In the evening match, Lleyton Hewitt was leading Carlos Moyá 5-4 in the first set and 30-0 in the 10th game when the match was postponed until Tuesday by more rain.

### Mauresmo withdraws from Fed Cup

PARIS — Annelie Mauresmo withdrew from Fed Cup team Tuesday, saying she needs time off before preparing for next year's Australian Open.

Defending Fed Cup champion France faces Spain in the semifinals later this month.

Mauresmo, ranked No. 2, lost in the first round of the Fed Cup semifinals to Serena Williams on Sunday. Mauresmo would have finished the year No. 1 had she won that tournament.

Mauresmo, 25, has never won a Grand Slam title.

"If you want to keep improving like all the great players then there are difficult choices to make," she said. "For me the time has come."



Russia's Maria Sharapova, above, won the WTA Championships final Monday with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Serena Williams.

# Sharapova beats injured Serena Williams in WTA

BY BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Serena Williams' injury-induced weakened serves drove Maria Sharapova to distraction. Two games from ending the season in defeat, the Russian teenager focused on holding her own serve.

Sharapova overcame the early third-set mental lapse and beat Williams for the WTA Championships title 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 Monday night in a rematch of their Wimbledon final.

The 17-year-old Russian will rise to a career-high fourth when the year-end WTA rankings are released Tuesday.

"I don't think I could've asked for anything better this year," Sharapova said. "It's been an extraordinary year for me. I know that I'm not showing a lot of emotion, but I'm sort of just speechless."

Sharapova stunned Williams for the Wimbledon title in July, propelling the blond teenager to international stardom. She finished the year with five titles.

Williams trailed 5-2 in the second set when she called for a trainer after straining her abdominal muscle. The injury greatly affected Williams' serve — usually a 120-mph puff of a weekend hacker.

"After she got the medical treatment, I could tell that she had problems serving, but on the groundstrokes she was just teasing off on everything," Sharapova said. "Beside her serve, she didn't look injured once she was playing, so she was actually being really tough. I couldn't capitalize on the weak serves that she hit."

Williams left the court for five minutes and returned to have her serve broken in losing the set 6-2.

She rolled to a 4-0 lead in the third, including winning the first 11 points of the set and twice breaking a flustered Sharapova.

After the third game, the trainer responded to wind a large wrap around Williams' stomach. She slipped an ice bag under her shirt on later changeovers.

# Losing beating down Browns coach Davis

BY TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — With his job security the talk of the town, Butch Davis looked like a beaten man as he discussed yet another excruciating loss.

Nearly four seasons of injuries, frustration, bitter defeats and mostly sub-par football appear to have taken their toll on Cleveland's coach.

Building the Browns into Super Bowl champions has been much tougher than he imagined.

"Losing is a painful, painful experience, and we're frustrated," Davis said Monday while discussing the Browns' 24-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"If you're a competitor and you're a coach and you're a player,

it's miserable. And the only cure for this misery is winning."

The Browns (3-6) are running out of time to salvage their season. And Davis may be a few losses from losing his job. On Monday, he addressed mounting speculation that this may be his final season in Cleveland.

Davis, who is 24-34 since taking over the Browns in 2001 and 1-8 against the rival Steelers, is under contract until 2007. But if the Browns don't improve quickly, owner Randy Lerner could decide to make a coaching change.

Davis claims he has both Lerner's support and sympathy.

"We speak after every game, and I do believe that Randy clearly understands the challenges that we've had as an organization over the last two years," Davis said. "There has been an awful lot of very, very difficult things to

have to overcome. I think he is

clearly in the loop and knows exactly what all those issues are. He knows where we are with the team from the talent and the coaching and the preparation. I think he's very supportive."

The Browns have lost three in a row and four of five, dropping into last place in the AFC North, one game behind the Cincinnati Bengals — the NFL's standard bearers for futility.

But beyond the Browns' offensive ineptitude and 8-17 record since making the playoffs in 2002, there are other disturbing signs that Davis isn't getting the job done.

The comments made by defensive tackle Gerard Warren that he was going to go after Pittsburgh rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's head were embarrassing and fired up the Steelers.

There was also the silly pregame trash talking that led to

Browns running back William Green being ejected for fighting with Steelers linebacker Joey Porter.

Davis was troubled by both episodes, saying he didn't condone the behavior in either case while acknowledging that it was a reflection on him.

"Ultimately, everything that happens on that football field is a reflection on me," he said. "That's the ultimate responsibility as the head coach. You take it all."

And this year, taking it all has included quarterback Jeff Garcia's almost weekly criticism that the Browns coaching staff isn't utilizing his skills properly.

After Sunday's game, Garcia said the Browns were predictable, undisciplined and unimaginative.

"You name it, we do it — unfortunately the wrong way," Garcia said.

## NFL scoreboard

### American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	1	0	.889	217	152
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	202	158
Buffalo	3	6	0	.333	143	165
Miami	1	6	0	.111	123	186
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.667	298	220
Jacksonville	6	0	0	.667	151	163
Atlanta	3	3	0	.444	185	173
Tennessee	1	6	0	.333	108	197
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	1	0	.889	217	152
Baltimore	6	1	0	.857	174	130
Cincinnati	4	4	0	.444	169	173
Cleveland	3	3	0	.333	170	195
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	.667	189	154
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	282	173
Kansas City	3	4	0	.333	275	278
Oakland	1	6	0	.111	135	247

### National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	1	0	.857	226	126
N.Y. Giants	6	1	0	.857	202	126
Dallas	3	3	0	.333	162	205
San Francisco	1	6	0	.111	125	150
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	.778	194	154
New Orleans	4	0	0	.444	188	254
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	.333	157	179
Carolina	2	0	0	.222	161	212
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	201	167
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500	206	168
Chicago	4	4	0	.444	154	159
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.444	154	159
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	201	167
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	217	217
San Francisco	1	6	0	.111	112	261

### Sunday's games

Chicago 19, Tennessee 17	OT
Indianapolis 49, Houston 14	
Baltimore 20, N.Y. Jets 17	OT
St. Louis 23, Seattle 12	
Atlanta 24, Tampa Bay 14	
Jacksonville 23, Detroit 17	OT
New Orleans 27, Kansas City 20	
Pittsburgh 28, Cleveland 10	
Cincinnati 17, Washington 10	
Arizona 21, N.Y. Giants 14	
Green Bay 24, Minnesota 31	
Carolina 17, San Francisco 27	
New England 29, Buffalo 6	
Open Miami-Dade, San Diego	

### Monday's game

Philadelphia 49, Dallas 21	
Sunday, Nov. 21	
Dallas at Buffalo	
St. Louis at Chicago	
Indianapolis at Philadelphia	
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland	
Arizona at Jacksonville	
Tennessee at Minnesota	
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	
San Francisco at Tampa Bay	
Miami at Seattle	
San Diego at Oakland	
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants	
Philadelphia at Philadelphia	
Green Bay at Houston	
Monday, Nov. 22	
New England at Kansas City	

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Eagles 49, Cowboys 21	
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Philadelphia 49	7	28	7-49
Dallas	21	14	7-49

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## Stars: McNabb, Eagles simply overruled Cowboys

STARS, FROM BACK PAGE

Lito Sheppard caught the scoring with a 101-yard interception return.

Dallas has lost five of six games, the last three losses by at least 20 points each. The Cowboys have lost eight of nine to Philadelphia by an average of 24 points.

"We couldn't slow them down, simple as that," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "They were too much for us."

Unlike the 26-3 loss at Cincinnati the previous week, when Parcells called the Cowboys "stupid," Dallas was simply outplayed this time. But there were still several boneheaded mistakes — such as flags on all three extra points, a fumbled punt and a muffed kickoff that was recovered.

Dallas gave up its most points ever at home, and the most anywhere since losing 50-24 at Cincinnati in December 1985.

Philadelphia scored on four straight possessions in the second quarter, the first team to ever score four touchdowns in a quarter against Dallas.

The Eagles made it five straight possessions with a TD when Owens caught a 16-yarder under two defenders in the third quarter to make it 42-21 and give him his NFL-best 12th TD.

"It takes a couple plays for us to get a little momentum," McNabb said. "Once things get going, we feel confident that every play that we call is going to be effective and possibly get in the end zone."

McNabb had the most incredible play, on third and 10 from the Philadelphia 25 in the second quarter.

McNabb spun away from one would-be tackler and sprinted to his right, only to find another defender. So he went back to his left, chased by two more players, and finally heaved the ball. Replays showed he held the ball for 14 seconds before the 60-yard pass to Freddie Mitchell.

"It felt like a video game out there," McNabb said.

Parcells grained through it all, knowing there was little he could do about yet another lopsided loss. The Cowboys' season is a bust, with the only curiosity left being when he'll turn the offense over to rookie quarterback Drew Henson.

"We just got to get better," Parcells said. "I'm not going to get into the state of the union right now."

Two days after turning 41, Vinny Testaverde hit 21 of 30 passes for 254 yards with TDs to tight end Jason Witten, who had nine catches for 133 yards. Eddie George added a 15-yard TD run.

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# Giants QB Manning to make first NFL start

BY TOM CANAVAN  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The wait for Eli Manning is over, and not at the request of the New York Giants ownership.

The Giants' quarterback of the future was given the starting job on Monday after two-time MVP Kurt Warner was benched following New York's third loss in four games.

"It's exciting," said Manning, who has limited mop-up action in two games this season.

thing I want to do. This is what I want to do for a living. This is why I want to play football, so I can go out there and be the starting quarterback. I'm looking forward to the opportunity.

"Now it's time to go out there and play football."

Manning will face the Atlanta Falcons (7-2) on Sunday at Giants Stadium in a game New York (5-4) needs to win to renew its playoff hopes.

Giants co-owner Wellington Mara said the front office didn't

influence coach Tom Coughlin's choice to start Manning, who is the son of former NFL star Archie Manning and the brother of co-MVP Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts.

"I don't think Tom Coughlin would work for an organization that made player decisions for him," Mara said in a statement released by the team.

The change came less than a day after the offense struggled for the second straight week in a 31-14 loss this season.

While Warner was professional

in handling the change, the demotion caught the 33-year-old former Super Bowl MVP off guard. He intercepted 19 of 31 passes for 193 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions in a game in which his offensive line did nothing to help him after the first quarter.

Warner, who led the team to two touchdowns on its first two possessions, was sacked six times in the loss. He has been sacked 24 times in the past four games and 39 times this season.

"My play yesterday I don't

think had anything to do with that," Warner said of the change. "Read into that as much as you want, but there is a bigger picture here. There's more things that are trying to be accomplished."

Warner, who had thrown six touchdowns and four interceptions in 268 attempts, seemed to suggest the organization wanted Manning to play an idea about that of a \$46 million wonder kid.

"I really felt the last four games we haven't been playing well offensively. We just need to make a change," Coughlin said.

## Brunell out, Ramsey in for Redskins

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Patrick Ramsey is the new starting quarterback for the Washington Redskins, a move coach Joe Gibbs hopes will end the team's worst scoring slump in seven decades.

"We're going to make him the starter," Gibbs said Monday. "We have to sink or swim with the way I feel about things... We're going to go with Patrick and hopefully he's going to play great for us, and we're all going to support him."

Gibbs benched Mark Brunell in the second quarter of Sunday's 17-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, but the coach waited until Monday to announce that Ramsey will start Sunday's game at Philadelphia.

"It'll be a tough assignment for him," Gibbs said. "It's probably the biggest underdog we've ever been going to Philly."

Brunell was 1-for-8 for 6 yards when he was benched with the Redskins trailing 17-0. He ranks last in the league in completion percentage (49.9), yards per attempt (5.04) and overall rating (63.9), and the Redskins haven't scored more than 18 points in a game all season.

Not since the Redskins played their home games in Boston, during the Dark Ages of scoring in the 1930s, has the team gone 10 games without scoring 20 points.

The drought began with the season-ending 31-7 loss to Philadelphia last year and has continued through the first nine games of this season, bridging the coaching regimes of Steve Spurrier and Gibbs, who built reputations with high-scoring offenses.

Ramsey had 16 starts over two seasons under Spurrier, but his previous role was purely honorary when Gibbs traded for Brunell and signed the veteran to a seven-year, \$43 million contract with an \$8.6 million signing bonus.

### Mularkey sticking with Bledsoe as Bills' starting QB

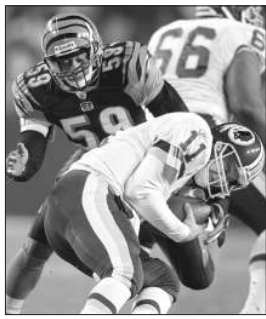
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Mike Mularkey has a message to those clamoring for rookie quarterback J.P. Losman to replace Drew Bledsoe as Buffalo's starter: Not yet.

Mularkey on Monday insisted that Losman still needs plenty of work, considering the first-round draft pick missed almost two months recovering from a broken leg. The coach added that Bledsoe still gives the Bills' the best chance to win.

That said, Mularkey wasn't happy in assessing Bledsoe's performance in Buffalo's 29-6 loss at New England on Sunday.

Bledsoe's long-term status as starter is up for debate now that the Bills (3-6), who host St. Louis on Sunday, have fallen out of the playoff picture.

After showing he can be efficient in a scaled-down passing attack, leading Buffalo to wins in three of its previous five games, Bledsoe unraveled against New England. He went eight of 19 for 76 yards, threw three interceptions and finished with a career-low quarterback rating of 14.3.



Patrick Ramsey (2 TDs, 5 INTs, 49 percent completion rate) will take over an offense that averages 13.9 points a game, which ranks 31st in the NFL.

In his NFL debut, Losman wasn't any better. He entered with 4:40 remaining and in five plays, including a running play, Losman completed one pass, was sacked once, lost a fumble and was intercepted.

### Harrington's grip on Lions' starting job slipping

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Joey Harrington is the starting quarterback of the Detroit Lions. After Monday, though, that position doesn't seem too secure.

Lions coach Steve Mariucci gave his third-year quarterback a lukewarm endorsement one day after Harrington went 11-for-33 in a 23-17 overtime loss in Jacksonville.

"Right now, we're headed that way this week, — we haven't really discussed making a change," he said when asked if Harrington would start Sunday in Minnesota. "We expect a certain level of performance and competence at every position, and that is constantly being evaluated."

### Bengals say a Redskin split on one of their players

CINCINNATI — Coach Marvin Lewis said one of his Cincinnati Bengals was split on during a 17-10 victory in Washington, and he hopes the NFL does something about it.

Receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh confronted Redskins safety Sean Taylor at the end of the game Sunday, but declined to say why.

"It had nothing to do with physical contact," Houshmandzadeh said. "He's a punk."

Lewis said Monday that one of his players — he wouldn't confirm it was Houshmandzadeh — got spit on. The receiver wasn't available for comment.

"We had a player spit on yesterday, and that's not right," Lewis said. "It's something that's escalating from certain players. Hopefully the league will do something to cut it out."

Joe Gibbs, in his news conference Monday, was asked about Lewis' comments.

"I wasn't aware of that until you just mentioned it," Gibbs said.

Taylor refused to comment. He hasn't spoken to the media since he was arrested and charged with drunken driving on Oct. 28.

## Bears LB Urlacher out at least a month

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Just when their defense was playing at a high level and sparking a three-game winning streak, Chicago Bears' star linebacker Brian Urlacher got hurt.

Urlacher will be out for about six weeks after suffering an injury to his lower left leg that required a surgical procedure Monday to relieve the pressure of internal bleeding.

The four-time Pro Bowler was injured during Sunday's 19-17 victory at Tennessee, but the severity did not surface until later.

"He suffered a blow yesterday to his lower leg," coach Louie Smith said Monday, adding he didn't know when Urlacher would be released from the hospital.

"Last night we could tell something was wrong. So my immediate reaction, of course you know what I mean, Brian Urlacher is a great player, a big part of what we are doing around here," Smith said.

Urlacher didn't miss a game in his first four seasons, but he hurt his hamstring in the first practice of training camp and sat out the entire preseason. He played two regular-season games before the hamstring forced him out of games against Minnesota and Philadelphia, both losses.

Urlacher's injury is a downer for a defense that has been in attack mode, especially the past two weeks in road victories.

Chicago had seven sacks and got five turnovers to beat the Giants 28-21.

On Sunday, defensive end Michael Haynes returned an interception for a TD and the Bears won in overtime when defensive end Alex Brown sacked Billy Volek for a safety.

Chicago (4-5) plays the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, following the season's progress, since Friday's official completion of the 1999 season provided by the league:

**Running backs:** Drew Zastudil (sprained shoulder) out 3-4 weeks; Chris McMillen (dislocated knee) questionable; Edwain Muir (broken toe) questionable.

**Quarterbacks:** Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck (knee brace) status unclear.

**Wide receivers:** Tarkenton (knee ligament) out for season; OT Brad Hopkins (knee) in line to return; DT Albert Haynesworth (elbow) out for Sunday.

## NFL Briefs

### Chiefs RB Holmes likely out

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes will likely miss Monday night's game against the New England Patriots with sprained knee ligaments, the same injury that kept him out of Kansas City's loss to New Orleans on Sunday.

"I would say he's out," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said Monday. "I think he's made a little progress, but he's got a long ways to go. I don't see him being any different than it was last week."

Holmes, who leads the NFL in scoring with 90 points and ranks third in the AFC in rushing with 892 yards, injured his right knee against Tampa Bay on Nov. 7. While he sat out the loss at New Orleans, his replacement, Derrick Baylock, ran for 186 yards.

Vermeil said he does not expect Holmes will need surgery.

### Jags QB Letwisch out again

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio expects to be without quarterback Byron Letwisch one more game.

"He's trying like crazy to get cleared for the game," Del Rio said Monday. "I still believe it's most likely that he'll be back next week (at Minnesota). We'll see how it goes."

Letwisch sprained a ligament in his left knee Oct. 31, leaving David Garrard to make his second career NFL start.

### Moss likely to sit out at least one more game

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss will probably miss at least one more game for the Minnesota Vikings, whose All-Pro receiver hasn't caught a pass in a month because of a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday that Moss is progressing, but won't be allowed to play until he completes a week of practice. The Vikings (5-4) have lost three straight.

Tice said Moss' return for the Nov. 28 game against Jacksonville is "more than likely."



# Paul rallies Wake Forest

## Star fuels Deacons' second-half surge vs. GW

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest struggled with turnovers, shaky ballhandling and poor free-throw shooting in its first game of the season.

Fortunately for the second-ranked Demon Deacons, Chris Paul was there to help them through it.

Paul scored 25 points and made several big plays in a decisive second-half run to send Wake Forest past George Washington 57-76 Monday night in the preseason NIT.

"There's still some rough edges that we can smooth out," Paul said. "I think we played together tonight, but we still have a lot of work."

Paul had six assists and three steals in 37 minutes despite being banged around by the physical Colonials defense, leading the Demon Deacons to a second-round home game Thursday against Virginia Commonwealth.

Justin Gray added 18 points and seven steals for the Demon Deacons, and Vytas Danelius scored 17.

Paul's effort was the highlight of a Wake Forest performance that followed a familiar pattern from last season. The Demon Deacons had four players score in double figures and shot 56 percent, but they had trouble on defense until switching to a triangle-and-two late in the game.

Initially, the Demon Deacons did enough late to secure their 11th straight season-opening victory.

George Washington (0-1) tried several half-court and fullcourt trapping defenses, hoping to shut Paul — the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press preseason All-America team — to give the ball up.

When the Colonials failed, Paul made them pay by spinning through double teams, pen-

trating into the lane and finding open teammates.

He certainly paid for it. The sophomore was fouled several times while trying to bring the ball upcourt against the traps. He bruised his knee when he fell on a drive to the basket. At one point, he was even stepped on by teammate Kyle Visser after being knocked down into the basket.

The Demon Deacons led by 14 early in the second half, but struggled to put away the Colonials. George Washington hit eight three-pointers, closing to 75-70 on a three by Carl Elliott midway through the second half.

But Paul made sure the Demon Deacons did not disappoint their rowdy crowd, leading a 10-2 charge that finally gave them a working margin in the final minutes.

In other preseason NIT games Monday:

**Michigan 59, Binghamton 46:** In Ann Arbor, Mich., Dorian Harris scored 41 of his 16 points in the second half to help the Wolverines rally from an early deficit.

Harris was just 1-of-5 in the first half as the Wolverines fell behind by 12 points and trailed 32-32 at intermission.

Daniel Horton led Michigan with 17 points. Trailing 39-32, Michigan seized control on both ends of the floor with Brent Petway's dunk off an alley-op pass from Harris that gave the Wolverines a 41-39 lead with 12:35 to play. It was Michigan's first lead since Horton opened the game with a three-point shot.

Michigan went on a 21-2 run over a 12:05 span to overtake the Bearcats, who missed 18 consecutive shots from the field during the Wolverines' scoring spree.

**Colorado 72, Charleston 57:** Freshman Richard Roby led last Colorado's balanced scoring with 19 points.

Roby showed plenty flash and dash, breaking out for dunks, creating room for his jump-



Chris Paul (3) had 25 points, six assists and three steals to lead Wake Forest to a 57-76 victory over George Washington on Monday.

er and setting up teammates in his debut. He added eight rebounds and shot 7-for-11, including a three-pointer with 6:55 left after Charleston cut the lead to 63-55.

Julius Ashley added 13 points and Jayson Obayauze had 10 for Colorado.

Josh Jackson had 12 points to lead Charleston, which shot 26 percent and was 4-for-26 on three-pointers.

**Va. Commonwealth 82, American 76 (OT):** In Richmond, Va., B.A. Walker scored nine of his 27 points in overtime as the Rams (1-0) earned the opportunity to play No. 2 Wake Forest, which beat VCU 79-75 last year in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Andre Ingram set a Siegel Center record with 38 points, and had 18 in the first half as the Eagles (0-1) led 36-24 at halftime.

# Welch, Hood lead AFA over Ole Miss

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Antoine Hood scored 15 points and Nick Welch added 14, leading Air Force to a 60-36 victory over Mississippi in the winner's second round of the Black Colleges Association Classic.

Matt McCraw added 11 points for Air Force (2-0). The game was in the winner's bracket on the second day of the three-day tournament.

Mississippi (1-1) was led by Todd Abernethy with 12 points.

McCraw had a three-point play and Welch a three-pointer to help the Falcons turn a halfrime tie into a 25-19 lead.

Abernethy hit a three-pointer for Ole Miss to make it 25-22, but Air Force scored four straight points and the Rebels never got closer than seven points.

## Preseason NIT

First Round

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Niagara at Providence  
Quinnipiac at Pennsylvania  
Wright State at Tulsa  
San Diego at Arizona

Quarterfinals

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Colorado at Michigan

# Not much movement in men's Top 25 poll

By JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

The first poll of the college basketball regular season looks a lot like the preseason Top 25.

Syracuse and Illinois switched places at Nos. 5 and 6 Monday, with only one movement from the previous rankings.

Only three ranked teams played since the preseason Top 25 was released. Syracuse, Mississippi State and Memphis all won their opening two games in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Kansas stayed in the No. 1 spot and was again followed by three Atlantic Coast Conference teams: Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and North Carolina.

Syracuse, which beat Northern Colorado and Princeton to open the season, moved up to fifth and was followed by Illinois, Oklahoma State, Connecticut, Kentucky and Arizona.

Kansas received 26 first-place votes and 1,703 points from the college media panel, while Wake Forest had 23 and 1,685.

Georgia Tech was No. 1 on 10 ballots while North Carolina had eight first-place votes, Illinois and Oklahoma State each had two and Kentucky received one.

Mississippi State beat Fairfield and Birmingham Southern while



Top-ranked Kansas and center Wayne Simien begin their season Friday against Vermont.

out preseason All-America Lawrence Roberts. The 6-foot-10 senior forward missed the first game as he served a one-game suspension from NCAA over his expenses to attend a tryout before the NBA Draft. He didn't play in the second game because he was recovering from a broken nose.

Roberts said he expects to play Thursday night in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic semifinals against Syracuse.

Memphis, which beat Savannah State and Georgia State, plays Saint Mary's, Calif., in the end semifinal at Madison Square Garden.

## AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, are based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for each subsequent vote and last week's ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	First-Place Votes
1	Kansas (26)	0-0	1,703
2	Wake Forest (23)	0-0	1,685
3	Georgia Tech (10)	0-0	1,575
4	North Carolina (8)	0-0	1,540
5	Syracuse (26)	0-0	1,469
6	Illinois (11)	0-0	1,469
7	Oklahoma State (2)	0-0	1,365
8	Connecticut	0-0	1,278
9	Kentucky (1)	0-0	1,190
10	Arizona (1)	0-0	1,099
11	Mississippi State	0-0	932
12	Michigan (1)	0-0	894
13	Louisville	0-0	877
14	Marquette	0-0	778
15	Texas	0-0	650
16	Pennsylvania	0-0	650
17	Alabama	0-0	520
18	N.C. State	0-0	506
19	Notre Dame	0-0	413
20	Wisconsin	0-0	365
21	Washington	0-0	335
22	Memphis	0-0	314
23	Arizona State	0-0	204

Others receiving votes: Stanford 79, Michigan 13, Charlotte 38, Providence 3, Cincinnati 27, S. Illinois 38, Oklahoma 25, Duke 11, Boston College 14, George Washington 7, UTEP 7, Vermont 5, UAB 5, UConn 4, Tennessee 4, Tulane 4, UCLA 4, UNLV 4, Iowa St. 2, Oregon 2, Wake Forest 2, Va. Commonwealth 1, Vanderbilt 1.

The ACC's six ranked teams are short of the record.

The Big Ten had seven teams ranked for four weeks in January 1993, a feat matched by the Atlantic Coast Conference for two weeks in December 1997 and by the Big Ten for one week in January 1999.

The most recent time the Big Ten did it, seven schools were in the Top 25 — Michigan State (8), Wisconsin (12), Purdue (14), Ohio State (15), Iowa (16), Minnesota (19) and Indiana (20).

# Lady Vols still the one

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

Shooting 63 percent against a ranked opponent has not helped to pull Texas closer to No. 1 Tennessee in the AP women's basketball poll.

In fact, the Longhorns lost ground Monday despite their torrid shooting in an 84-69 victory over then-No. 21 Penn State.

Tennessee (0-0) received 22 first-place votes from a national media panel — two more than in last week's preseason poll — and had 1,092 points.

That was 31 points more than Texas. The Longhorns received six first-place votes in the latest poll, one fewer than last week.

LSU, which survived a close call against No. 8 Baylor, remained third with 11 first-place votes and 1,059 points. Connecticut, winner of the past three national championships, stayed at No. 4 with six first-place votes and 1,008 points.

This was the 55th time at No. 1 for Tennessee, which regained the lead from Connecticut in that category. UConn has 94 appearances at No. 1.

Tennessee opens the season Friday at Chattanooga. Connecticut also starts Friday, hosting Buffalo. Just nine teams in the Top 25 played during the first weekend of the season and only five changed places.

## AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for each subsequent vote and last week's ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	First-Place Votes
1	Tennessee (22)	0-0	1,092
2	Texas (6)	0-0	1,008
3	LSU (11)	0-0	1,059
4	Connecticut (6)	0-0	1,008
5	Georgia	0-0	898
6	Duke	0-0	871
7	Stanford	0-0	825
8	Baylor	0-0	819
9	North Carolina	0-0	744
10	Arizona	0-0	744
11	Notre Dame	0-0	678
12	Illinois	0-0	678
13	Vanderbilt	0-0	550
14	Utah	0-0	520
15	Michigan	0-0	442
16	Purdue	0-0	427
17	Rutgers	0-0	375
18	Boston College	0-0	356
19	Wake Forest	0-0	340
20	DePaul	0-0	277
21	Oklahoma	0-0	269
22	Marion	0-0	193
23	Penn State	0-0	193
24	Arizona State	0-0	143
25	Georgia Tech	0-0	120

Others receiving votes: UCLA 74, Utah 70, Villanova 32, Chattanooga 15, Ole Miss 12, SW Missouri 11, TCU 10, UC Santa Barbara 10, Arizona 8, S. Carolina 5, UNLV 5, New Mexico 4, Florida 3, Middle Tennessee 2, Arkansas 2, Mississippi 2, Houston 1, Montana 1, West-Green Bay 1.

LSU is 3-0 under first-year coach Pokey Chatman but blew a 21-point lead against Baylor before winning 71-70.

Duke, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Arizona all have won twice in the preseason WNIT, while Minnesota opened with a 77-69 victory over Utah.

In the WNIT semifinals Wednesday, Duke plays at Notre Dame and Ohio State plays at Arizona.



# Angels' Guerrero selected MVP

## Outfielder wins award over Sheffield, Ramirez in first season in AL

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vladimir Guerrero won the American League MVP award Tuesday, just the fifth time a player switched leagues and earned the honor in his first season with his new team.

The Anaheim Angels right fielder received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 354 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

New York Yankees right fielder Gary Sheffield finished second with five first-place votes and 254 points. Boston players split the remaining two first-place votes, with left fielder Manny Ramirez earning third and center fielder designated hitter David Ortiz winding up fourth with 174 points.

Guerrero, 28, signed with the



Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero became the fifth player to switch leagues and win an MVP award in his first season with his new team.

Angels last winter after eight seasons with the Montreal Expos. He hit .337 with 39 homers and 126 RBIs as Anaheim won the AL West, and led the league with 124 runs and 366 total bases. He batted .371 in September with 10 homers and 23 RBIs.

The only other non-rookies who became MVPs in their first AL seasons were Baltimore's Frank Robinson (1966), Chicago's Dick Allen (1972) and Detroit's Willie Hernandez (1984). In the NL, Kirk Gibson accomplished the feat with Los Angeles in 1988.

Houston's Roger Clemens won the NL Cy Young Award last week following his first season in the league. Clemens won six Cy Youngs in the AL.

Guerrero became the second Angels player to win, joining Don Baylor (1979). He is the fourth Dominican to be MVP, following Toronto's George Bell (1987), the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa (1998) and Oakland's Miguel Tejada (2002).

Guerrero gets a \$500,000 bonus for winning the award and Ramirez \$100,000 for finishing third. Ortiz didn't get anything for finishing fourth — but would get \$400,000 for finishing second through fifth in his contract that starts next season.

Tejada, now with Baltimore, gets a \$302,000 bonus for finishing fifth, and Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez gets \$100,000 for winding up 10th.

# LHP Leiter a free agent after Mets buy out deal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Al Leiter became a free agent Monday when the New York Mets declined his \$10.2 million option and decided to pay a \$2.1 million buyout.

The left-hander went 10-8 with a 3.2 ERA in 30 starts last season. He began the year by pitching 15 1/3 scoreless innings, then was on the disabled list

from May 11 to June 1 because of tendinitis in his left shoulder.

A member of the Mets for the last seven seasons, the 39-year-old Leiter also has pitched for the New York Yankees, Toronto and Florida.

The Mets had said they were interested in keeping Leiter, but not at the price of the option, Kris Benson, another starter the Mets say they hope to re-sign, also became a free agent.

If the Mets had exercised the option, Leiter would have had 10 days to accept or reject it.

## Kent meets with Tigers

DETROIT — Free agent second baseman Jeff Kent is coming off an All-Star season with the Houston Astros, met with Detroit Tigers officials.

Kent, 36, was named National League Most Valuable Player in 2000 while with the San Francisco Giants. The 13-year major league veteran hit .289 with 27 home runs and 107 RBI for Houston this year.

The four-time All-Star has driven in more than 100 runs in seven of his past eight seasons, including a career-high 128 with the Giants in 1998. Kent signed with the Astros in 2003.

## Angels exercise option on Bengie Molina, not on Ortiz

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels exercised the contract option on catcher Bengie Molina for next season on Monday, but declined to do the same for pitcher Ramon Ortiz.

The right-handed 31-year-old Molina, 31, will remain on the Angels' 40-man roster and be eligible for salary arbitration. The Angels gave him a \$100,000 buyout instead of paying him \$5.5 million for 2005.

Molina, 30, batted .276 with 10 home runs and 54 RBIs in 97 games last season. His contract for 2005 will be worth \$3 million.

## Cardinals' Irisinghausen has hip surgery

ST. LOUIS — Cardinals closer Jason Irisinghausen had successful surgery on his left hip Monday and should be fully recovered in time for spring training.

The right-hander had a career-best 47 saves last season, matching the club record and tying Phil Niekro's Armando Benitez for the NL lead.

He is expected to resume full activities in six to eight weeks.

# NL MVP shows age hasn't touched Bonds

Barry Bonds had every reason to drop off this year.

The steroid scandal hounded him. His father was gone. He got little help from batters behind him and saw too few pitches over the plate.

Then there was that little matter of his age, 40 years old, a milestone that often takes a toll on a hitter's reflexes, his legs and sometimes on the eyes.

Yet here he is again winning the NL MVP in a walk — his fourth in a row and No. 7 overall, both records — with two years left on his contract with the San Francisco Giants. And here he is still yearning to win a World Series ring, even as he closes in on the career home run marks of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron.

Bonds says he can't figure out why he seems to be getting better with age. He'd like a little credit for that, rather than questions about chemical enhancements.

In truth, he's been blessed with talent, taken care of his body in a way that he says his late alcoholic father, Bobby, and other great players did not, and he's pushed himself to work harder every season in pursuit of that elusive ring. More than that, he was born into baseball and still loves the game.

"There's a light switch that turns on on me as soon as that season starts," he said Monday from his home in Beverly Hills, Calif. "I could go through spring training in halfway-mode. But as soon as they say baseball starts, I change. Everything inside of me. I don't know what it is."

What keeps him going through the grind of the season, he says, is the chase for a championship.

"That one thing not being in my life is something that drives me more than anything else does," he said. "To watch other people win drives me to want to be in that circle. Every year I try to get better."

After a monster season was astonishing for what he did as much as for what he might have done if he hadn't been walked so ridiculously often.



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds won his fourth straight NL MVP Award after walking a record 232 times during the season.

Consider a season like this: 62 home runs, 141 runs batted in, 180 runs, 188 hits, .362 batting average.

Those are the gaudy numbers Bonds would have been projected to produce, according to the statistical whizzes at the Elias Sports Bureau, if he had walked the same number of times St. Louis' Albert Pujols did (84), instead of a record 232 times.

The hard part about all those walks — whether intentional or on pitches just outside the strike zone — is how much they wear on his concentration and his legs.

"I've tried to explain to players that it's a lot harder to walk than it is to jog back to the dugout and take a rest," he said. "I'm on my feet all day. A lot of teams wear me down. I know they do it intentionally. Sometimes I come through."

"I'm not able to do it as often as I used to. But that has to do with age, too. I'm getting older. My attention span probably isn't going to be the same."

As it was, Bonds hit 45 homers to push his career total to 703 (11 shy of Ruth, 52 behind Aaron), 101 RBIs, 129 runs and 135 hits, along

with that .362 average. Throw in a slugging percentage of .812 and an on-base percentage of .699 (topping the .582 mark he set two years ago) and he made the issue of age almost as irrelevant as the suspicions about steroids.

Anyone can speculate on how much help Bonds has gotten in recent years if he used the steroids that his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, is charged with distributing from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative to top athletes.

Yet in the absence of positive tests on Bonds and the lack of convictions in the ongoing investigation, the only conclusive evidence is the fact that Bonds is doing things at bat that simply can't be attributed to any known drug.

There isn't a steroid in the world that can account for his patience at the plate as he waits for hittable pitches, or his uncanny skill contact with the ball when he does swing. His body armor lets him hug the plate, and his short, compact swing is the deadliest in the game.

Collectively, according to Elias, players battling behind him this season produced a .264 batting average, 19 homers, 103 RBIs — not bad, but hardly the support that Pujols, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds gave each other in the St. Louis lineup.

Those three Cardinals finished third, fourth and fifth in the NL MVP voting behind No. 2 Adrian Beltré of Los Angeles.

Bonds says he wants a big hitter or two behind him for protection, especially young players he can teach. But he's not pushing the Giants, who may not be able to afford the free agents out there.

"We'd all love to click our heels and get whoever we want," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. "Barry knows that we're running a business and it's not that easy. You're also kind of married to what you do, including the size of his contract on the roster."

San Francisco's priority this offseason, Sabean said, is boosting the bullpen with a closer. That means Bonds probably won't be seeing Beltré or Carlos Beltrán batting behind him next season.

Bonds might not like it but that won't stop the light switch from going on when he hears, "Play ball."

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## Eagles' Owens stars



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Dallas Cowboys safety Roy Williams, left, walks away from Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens, center, as Owens stands on a small star logo painted on a helmet in the end zone after a 27-yard touchdown catch by Owens in the first half Monday night. The Eagles won 49-21.

## WR scores three TDs in rout of Cowboys

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS  
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IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens must be running out of material for his touchdown celebrations. Two weeks after mocking Ray Lewis, he reverted to one of his old moves.

Back on the field where he began turning scores into performance opportunities, Owens once again did his thing on the Dallas Cowboys' logo. Only this time, he used a star on a helmet in the end zone, not the large one at midfield.

Owens had plenty of chances to celebrate Monday night with three TD catches in the Eagles' 49-21 win over Dallas.

He pretended to ice skate into the end zone

after his 59-yard touchdown in the first quarter. He posed on the smaller star logo in the end zone after his 27-yarder in the second quarter and then slam-dunked the ball over the crossbar after his last score.

"I'm just going out here having fun," said Owens, who had six catches for 134 yards in his second three-TD game this season. "I can't do too much... I just have to keep it low key."

The latest celebrations were nothing like four years ago when Owens was with San Francisco and celebrated twice on the mid-field logo. Emmitt Smith mocked him after the first one, and safety George Teague flattened him on the next one.

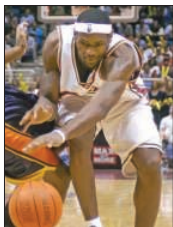
Philadelphia (8-1) rebounded from its only loss by scoring its most points in a regular-season game since 1981.

Donovan McNabb completed 15 of 28 passes for 345 yards and four touchdowns, the other a 59-yarder to Todd Pinkston. He also had an incredible scramble that led to a 60-yard completion and set up Brian Westbrook's 1-yard run just before halftime.

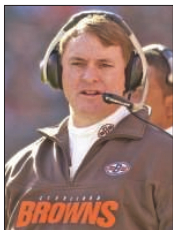
The Eagles had a 35-14 halftime lead, already with more points than they had scored in a game this season and matching the most ever allowed by Dallas (3-6) in a half.

"The guys took pride in themselves to come out here and rebound from the loss last week," Owens said. "We came in with a passion, the pride and the character of the guys on this team, and it showed today."

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